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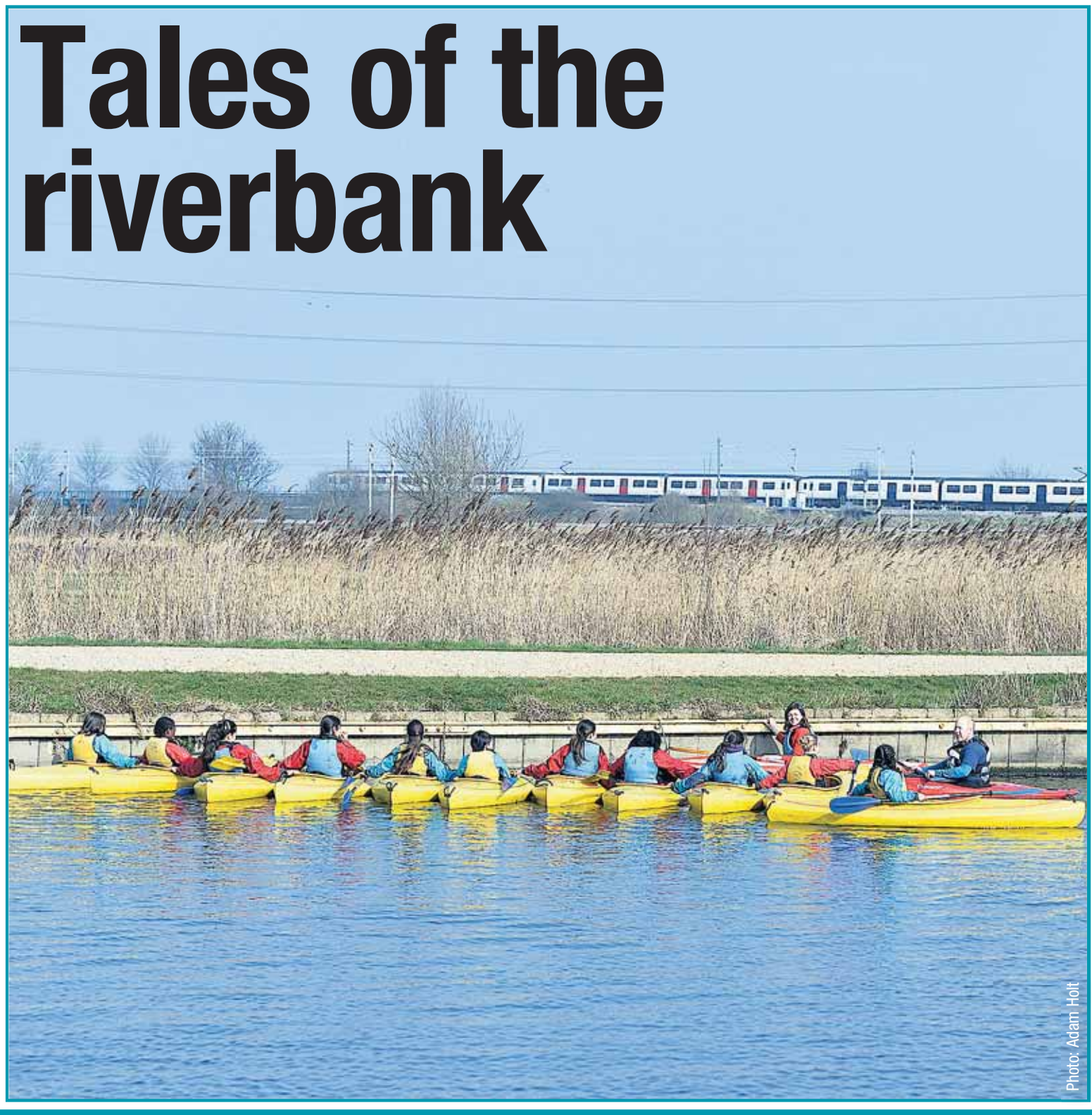


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Based on the banks of the River Lea, in Upper Clapton, the Leaside Trust delivers inspiring and engaging outdoor education activities for local young people

SUMMER is coming so why not take the plunge and try a new way of enjoying the great outdoors?
The Leaside Trust gives young people the skills and confidence to have a go at kayaking, canoeing and mountain biking. Perched on the edge of the River Lea, by Springfield Park, the centre has provided inner city kids with inspiring outdoor activities since 1963. Its Chief Executive, Terry Kinsella, said: "Anyone can play football or basketball in Hackney, but kayaking gives you something new."
Zeinab Mohammed, 11, from Holmleigh Primary School agrees. She said: "The feeling of gliding over the water is so thrilling. It's just amazing."
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Hackney Matters panel members: John Taylor, 62, with his son Henry, 22, and Rehanuma Zerim, 34, with friend and daughter

Shape Hackney's future

MORE residents are being urged to be part of a panel that helps shape the future of the borough.

A major campaign, called Hackney Matters, was launched by the Council last October. Over 1,500 residents from a range of backgrounds signed up to be part of the online panel which allows people across Hackney to have their say about services.

The Council is now looking to recruit hundreds more to the Hackney Matters panel and get them to take part in online surveys and face-to-face focus group events.

Panel members are rewarded for giving their time to the community by being entered into free prize draws and competitions.

> "It's important for people in Hackney to participate and have a say in the improvements to the borough"

They also earn vouchers and reward points for high street stores.

John Taylor, 62, has been a Hackney Matters panel member since 2008 and invited his son Henry, 22, to join this year. John earnt £10 for recommending him to join the panel.

He said: "I thought it was a good idea to contribute and give some feedback as to how the Council was doing.

"I think the borough has improved dramatically over the last 15 years and I think that it's partly due to the feedback that's been given through forums such as Hackney Matters."

Henry added: "It's important for people in Hackney to participate and have a say in the improvements to the borough. The residents are the ones who are going to feel the benefit, so it's good they have an input into how Hackney is run and how it can be improved."

Louise Becker, 54, was invited by a friend to become a panel member.

She said: "I think people should join because this is our community. We live here and we want our voices heard – we have to speak out. The only way you can do that is by joining something like this.

"People whinge about various aspects of the community but you've got to let somebody know how you're feeling for change to happen."

Rehanuma Zerim, 34, added: "The panel is very good. I've been in Hackney for about nine years now and I've seen a lot of improvements here, especially with the schools. I believe recommendations by Hackney Matters helped make some of these improvements."

MORE INFO

For more info on how to become a member of the panel, visit: **www.hackneymatters.org**

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Back row: Alex Rainsby, Ed Bray and Filippo Fusi; Front: Kirsty Gifford-Pitcher, Vicki Smith and Darryl Kelley

They can be heroes

A GRATEFUL teacher, who was brought back to life by quick-thinking staff at a Hackney leisure centre, has returned to thank those who saved him.

Hero lifeguards at Clissold Leisure Centre performed six rounds of CPR on 35-year-old Ed Bray after pulling him unconscious from one of the complex's pools.

Regular swimmer Ed, from Camden, had stopped breathing and was blue when rescued from the Stoke Newington pool by lifeguards Kirsty Gifford-Pitcher and Darryl Kelley.

Ed said: "The whole experience was very surreal – I had stared death in the face – and very frightening."

> "I was so relieved when he started breathing again... I've been quite emotional since it happened"

Ed suffered hypoxia, a lack of oxygen supply to the body, whilst swimming underwater at the centre.

Manager Vicki Smith and lifeguards Filippo Fusi and Alex Rainsby performed chest pumps and mouth-to-mouth for around five minutes until Ed began breathing again, then paramedics transferred him to The Whittington Hospital, in Archway, where he was monitored overnight.

"The lifeguards were absolutely brilliant, as were the paramedics and everyone at The Whittington, and I'm incredibly grateful to them all," Ed said.

Filippo, a former beach lifeguard, said at the reunion with Ed on 8 April: "I was so relieved when he started breathing again and then talking. I've been quite emotional since it happened, but seeing him now makes me happy."

The lifeguards are employed by GLL, the Council's leisure contractor, and undergo rigorous training, which includes four hours of refresher courses every month.

Vicki said: "Everyone's training kicked in and we all worked together to ensure Ed was given the best treatment possible, saving his life."

Ed is now fundraising for the Whittington Hospital. To donate, go to: **everyclick.com/sinkorswim**

News in brief

Register to vote in the election



WITH the General Election just weeks away, a total of 18 candidates will be vying for votes across Hackney's two constituencies.

In Hackney North and Stoke Newington the candidates standing are: Diane Abbott, Labour Party; Simon de Deney, Liberal Democrats; Heather Finlay, Green Party; Keith Fraser, UKIP; Amy Gray, Conservative Party; Jon Homan, Animal Welfare Party; and Jonathan Silberman, Communist League.

In Hackney South and Shoreditch the candidates are: Taiwo Adewuyi, Christian Peoples Alliance; Paul Birch, Cannabis Is Safer Than Alcohol; Brian Debus, Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition; Charlotte George, Green Party; Russell Shaw Higgs, Independent; Meg Hillier, Labour and Cooperative Party; Ben Mathis, Liberal Democrats; Bill Rogers, Workers Revolutionary Party; Gordon Shrigley, Campaign; Angus Small, UKIP; and Jack Tinley, Conservative Party.

The deadline for registering to vote is 20 April. Visit: **www.gov.uk/register-to-vote**

Speaker's Gala raises £8,000

MORE than £8,000 was raised for charity through generous donations by guests at the Speaker of Hackney's annual dinner gala.

Wine tasting, a canal cruise, six-month gym membership, and dinner party with a personal chef were just some of the raffle prizes kindly donated by businesses, which along with ticket sales and donations helped raise £8,190.

Mayors from across London, local business people, councillors and guests came together for the fundraising celebration, with all the money divided between the Speaker's chosen charities: The Sharp End, a healthy living centre for local people aged over 50; Laburnum Boat Club, a watersports-based youth project; and the Alzheimer's Society, which helps those affected by the disease.

Exhibition at Hackney Museum explores the role played by shopkeepers



AN exhibition at Hackney Museum, called 'Shopkeepers' Stories', explores the role local shops play within communities through a series of audio and photographic portraits.

It focuses on six shopkeepers in the Narrow Way, Hackney Central: from family-run clothes shop Lookers to seafood stall Wally Herbert and Sons. Each of the shops featured has been in the borough for over 30 years.

Ownership of some has passed down two or three generations of one family, and all are dealing with the changing expectations of the community.

Martyn Waller, from Wally Herbert and Sons (pictured with his wife), said: "My wife's granddad started the business about 74 years ago. We used to be a full-time fish market … but as time passes things change and a lot of the youngsters weren't taking the bait, so to speak."

The product of a collaboration between creative agency Cultivators and the Council, the exhibition explores stories of immigration, family business, local community and the effects of change.

The exhibition runs throughout the year and entry is free.

For more info, visit: **www.hackney.gov.uk/museum-exhibitions**

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Snow business

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Jon Snow with young people and staff from New Horizon Youth Centre and Sheila Scott, Chief Executive of Shelter from the Storm, at the Geffrye Museum

THE news came to Hackney when veteran broadcaster Jon Snow opened two new exhibitions at the Geffrye Museum.

The latest displays examine homelessness through a historical lens. The first, called 'Homes of the Homeless: Seeking Shelter in Victorian London' looks at the lives of the thousands of people who had no fixed abode in 19th-century London.

Through paintings, photographs, objects and personal stories, it brings to life the places that the poor inhabited, from workhouses to refuges.

Alongside the main exhibition, a free display explores young people's experiences of homelessness in the capital today. 'Home and Hope' was put together in collaboration with New Horizon Youth Centre, a day centre in King's Cross that works with young people who are vulnerable, homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless.

> "The Geffrye is an example of how to be a museum. It's a galvaniser of the community"



Mealtime at the St Marylebone workhouse, London, in about 1900

Jon Snow, who presents the Channel 4 News, opened the exhibitions on 24 March. He is a long-term advocate for homeless young people and his Twitter account lists 'homelessness' among his key areas of interest. He is also Chair of New Horizon Youth Centre.

Speaking at the opening, Jon said: "The Geffrye is an example of how to be a museum. It's a galvaniser of the community and a living museum, with people at its heart."

'Homes of the Homeless: Seeking Shelter in Victorian London' runs until 12 July at the Geffrye Museum, Kingsland Road, E2. It costs £5 or £3 with concessions. 'Home and Hope' is open for the same period and entry is free.

MORE INFO

For more info, visit:
www.geffrye-museum.org.uk

News in brief

Two bicycle designers create 'fastest track frame known'

TWO bicycle designers have collaborated to make 'the fastest track frame', despite one living in Hackney and the other in Ukraine.

Under the name 'Tsubasa', Edvinas Vavilovas, originally from Lithuania, designs carbon fibre bicycles that have been described as 'art you can ride'.

Two years ago, when the crisis in Ukraine began, Edvinas decided to help, and so he set out to make contact with a man he had never met before: fellow designer Reginald Vorontsov.

Between 1981 and 1992, Reginald designed the ionic Takhion bicycles. Originally made for the USSR national team and ridden by the cycling teams of Belarus, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, Takhion bikes won Olympic gold, World Championships and broke the 100km world record.

Despite never meeting, the two men began an extraordinary, two-year partnership that has now resulted in the Takhion+Tsubasa Mass – a carbon-fibre interpretation of the classic Takhion design.

Edvinas said: "The bicycle is a symbol of togetherness between people, despite distance, origin, world views, generation, age, you name it."

The Takhion+Tsubasa Mass is being auctioned with all proceeds going to The Red Cross to provide food, shelter and support for the orphans and victims of war.

To bid on the frame, or to make a donation, visit:
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The Takhion+Tsubasa Mass bicycle frame

Information wanted on beautiful 1950s mural on Somerford Grove Estate



SOMERFORD Grove Estate residents have teamed up with the London Mural Preservation Society to try and find out who painted a large art work which has graced the estate since 1950.

The mural shows a couple sitting in armchairs in front of a cosy gas fire. The man is smoking a pipe and the lady drinking a cup of tea. Their little boy is playing with his train and his sister is lying on the floor, reading her book.

Although the colours have faded, the painting, by an unknown artist, has survived intact. Now a group of residents on the Stoke Newington estate want to discover the identity of the artist and try to restore the mural to its former glory, protecting it for future generations.

A spokesperson for the London Mural Preservation Society said: "We are intrigued about the mural's history and hope that someone can confirm the date and history of this charming painting."

A group of residents are set to screen archive films about the area and organise art workshops for children to discover what they think is special about their estate.

Those with information about the mural, or memories of the estate in the 1950s, can e-mail:
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"It has been a great opportunity for me to build my confidence, make new friends and make relationships with people, which I used to find really hard." **Robert, Year 7**





"Before Forest School I found it hard to make new friends. I never really had any confidence in myself. Forest School has shown me no matter who you are you can accomplish something in life." **Melissa, Year 7**





Forest School sessions take place in Wick Woodland as part of sessions run by charity Kids Company

If you go down to the woods

By **Hattie Worsley**

IF you go down to the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise. On a wet Thursday afternoon, in the thin slither of wilderness sandwiched between the A12 and the busy Homerton Road, 15 young lives are being transformed.

Some are giggling, others are shouting, one hides behind a tree and another darts past, snatching a scrap of fabric from his friend and calling out 'follow me to base!' You would be hard pressed to call these young people, playing an innocent game of 'capture the flag', troubled. Yet they have all been referred by their schools to take part in these therapeutic sessions, run by Kids Company.

The acclaimed charity provides practical, emotional and educational support to around 36,000 vulnerable inner city children across the UK, including the most deprived and at risk, whose parents are unable to care for them due to their own practical and emotional challenges. The Forest School sessions taking place in Wick Woodland are one of the many forms this help takes.

"We have one secondary and two primary schools taking part in sessions on this site throughout the school year," says Katharine Slater, Kids Company's Forest School practitioner, who runs these projects.

She adds: "We're working with very vulnerable, high-needs kids. They're struggling in school, suffer from a lack of confidence and self-esteem, or they have poor behaviour and attendance records. They often have learning difficulties as well."

So for 12 weeks, they will be taken out of school once a week to spend a full day in the woods instead.

> "The idea is that they can learn to care for themselves and each other through learning to care for nature"

"Although we're trained in supporting their development, it's really nature that does the work," explains Katharine, sheltering under a tarpaulin that the group have strung between the trees.

Around her, the kids pour homemade soup into cups and prod the fire they have built themselves. She adds: "Most of these kids live a very urban existence. Part of the reason they're struggling in school is that they're lost. They are expected to sit inside in front of screens, with no opportunity to explore or adventure in a space bigger than their postcode, or even their bedroom."

A 13-year-old boy, his small figure swamped by the giant waterproof jacket he has borrowed from a Kids Company staff member, agrees. He says: "I don't really have anywhere to go outdoors when I'm at home. I like the feeling of space."

Year 7 pupil Murtezan adds: "It is a lovely thing, Forest School. The teachers are so respectful and really hear what you want to say. Now, I have better social skills. I treat nature with happiness and I'm more chilled out."

Although it's a steep learning curve for many of the young people, Katharine says: "Hardly any of them have the right clothing, or any experience of being in the outdoors when they start. We are trying to develop a sense of nurture through nature, the idea is they learn to care for themselves, and each other, through learning to care for nature."

Nearby a group of boys are examining a berry they have found. "It's a sloe! Try it, it makes your mouth bare dry," shouts one. "Did you know, you can actually eat nettles? Just don't touch the stem and they won't sting you, yeah?" says another.

Katharine's sessions aim to be child-led, following the student's enthusiasms and curiosities, building their confidence and learning about the natural world accordingly.

"We trust that they can explore and make their own connections. But you also have to give them clear boundaries, and that can be a tricky tightrope to walk," she says.

The students happily darting in and out of the damp trees this afternoon will come out of the programme having learnt bushcraft skills and achieved a John Muir Award in environmental awareness.

Some will go on to achieve better school results. But the main thing they will take away, says Katharine, is confidence: "They feel happier in themselves, they interact better with adults and with each other, and they hold their heads up high. Sometimes, it's really been a while since they've done that."

MORE INFO

For more info, visit: **www.kidsco.org.uk**; or: **www.forestschools.com**

feature







"It's such a great experience. I've never done anything like this before. The feeling of gliding over the water is so thrilling, and we get to work as a team. It's amazing." **Zeinab Mohammed, 11, Holmleigh Primary School**

Photos: Adam Holt

Hackney Today's intrepid reporter Hattie Worsley has an oar-some time canoeing (right) and mountain biking (inset, opposite page)

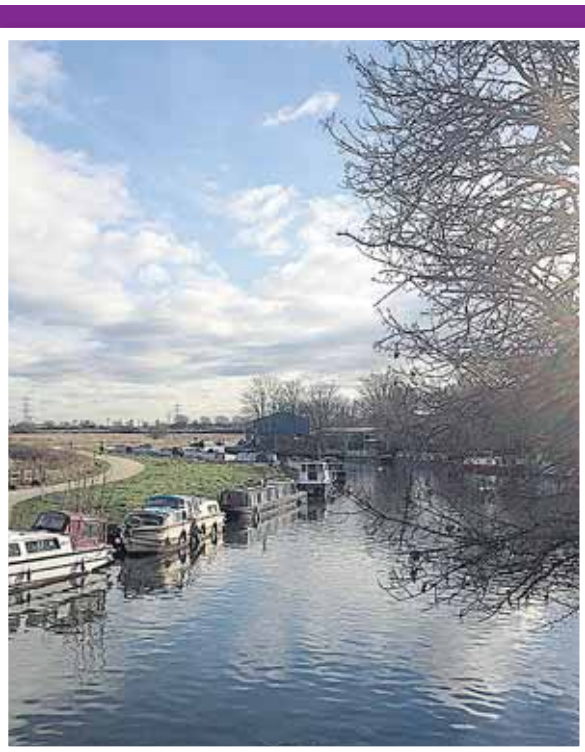






Life is but a dream

Outdoor activities centre, the Leaside Trust, gives young people the skills and confidence to have a go at kayaking, canoeing and mountain biking



By **Hattie Worsley**

SIX children are kayaking along a wide stretch of water. The marshes stretch out behind them, fringed by houseboats and dog walkers in the foreground, pylons and old industrial structures in the distance. Two commuter trains glide past each other. Some hipsters on paddleboards slalom through the children before a family of swans glide down among them.

"It's something different, right?" says Terry Kinsella. "Anyone can play football or basketball in Hackney, but kayaking gives you something completely new."

> **"Outdoor and adventure sports have traditionally been a middle class pursuit and we're smashing that barrier"**

Terry is the new Chief Executive of the Leaside Trust. A former glue factory perched unassumingly on the edge of the River Lea behind Springfield Park, it has been providing inner city kids with inspiring outdoor activities since 1963. Now, however, Terry has big plans for it.

He says: "Some of the kids who come here have difficult lives. They live penned in, high up, in flats where music is blaring through one wall and the sound of people arguing comes through the other."

"And I get it," he continues. "I came up through the same system. A working class, single parent family. I could easily have ended up in prison if I hadn't found boat clubs as a kid. They transformed my life and now I want Leaside to benefit the lives of as many children as possible."

While the kayakers squeal and splash in the water, the other half of the class are buckling up their helmets and attempting an obstacle course on mountain bikes. They go tentatively at first but, as their confidence builds, they are soon leaping over jumps and down flights of steps, whooping with pride.

These children are from Holmleigh Primary School, N16, and their headmaster Kevin Ward explains that they come every week.

"A lot of our children come from the big estates around Stamford Hill, so their opportunities to play outside might be limited. I've seen how coming here gives them confidence and life skills," he says.



Leaside relies on donations to fund their work with young people in East London

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KEY FACT

Leaside supports young people to stay in education, develop their confidence, leadership skills and ambition

Alongside the weekly adult and youth clubs that are open to the public, Terry has six schools coming to the centre for outdoor sports activities every week. By the summer, he wants that number to more than treble.

"Outdoor and adventure sports have traditionally been a middle class pursuit," he says. "But we're smashing that barrier."

In order to make the centre as accessible as possible, costs are kept at an absolute minimum. Members of the public can come down and try their first session for free. Under-19s pay just £35 a term, or £50 a year for full membership, meaning they can come every Tuesday and Thursday after school and Saturday mornings too, to hang out and play table football, jump on a mountain bike, or take a canoe out on the river under expert supervision.

But the opportunities that Leaside provides don't end there. "We send local kids on expeditions to Nepal and weekends to Cornwall.

"What we're doing here is social education, using outdoor adventure sports as a tool. We want to show these kids that anything is possible," Terry says.

Organising the children and their bikes into an orderly line, Leaside instructor Patrick Spence nods in agreement. He says: "This place is an absolute gem. I can't think of anywhere else that offers the same variety of activities to the same variety of people. I walked in here at the age of eight and I never left. It gave me something that's sometimes in short supply to kids around here: stability.



"I wouldn't be where I am today without the guidance and support of the guys here. I didn't realise it at the time, but they were acting as youth workers really. I wouldn't have pushed myself to get qualifications, wouldn't have travelled, wouldn't have this work ethic if it wasn't for this place."

MORE INFO

For more info, visit: **www.leaside.co.uk**; e-mail: **info@leaside.co.uk**; or call: **020 8806 6887**



"My favourite bit is the biking. Speeding up the big hills, then coming down super duper fast with the wind in your face. Sometimes you get really, really muddy too – I always choose the muddy paths." **Ece Sal, 10, Holmleigh Primary School**







"Some of the country's Olympians have passed through this site. We've got two young people who are on the verge of joining British teams." **Terry Kinsella, Chief Executive of the Leaside Trust**

"I've got a pupil referral unit coming in for an hour later, then we have a group of disabled kids, then the young adults and finally the youth club. The only trouble is that it's still a relatively undiscovered gem, more people should be taking advantage of it." **Leaside instructor Patrick Spence**



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In this feature, we profile the borough's great, good & just plain interesting



'Hackney's given me ancestors as well as artistic inspiration'

James Lucas won an Oscar for best live-action short film for 'The Phone Call'

By **Hattie Worsley**

IN February James Lucas was in LA, standing on a stage at the 87th Academy Awards ceremony, clutching his Oscar for best live-action short film and receiving rapturous applause. Tonight, he's sitting at his kitchen table in London Fields, having just put his two young children to bed.

"I have a lot of love for Hackney," says James. "I've been here 10 years now, it's my adopted home, somewhere I've always felt a sense of belonging."

James grew up in 'small town New Zealand' as an only child. He says: "I lost myself in films and books – their storytelling was a kind of companionship. My first film memory is watching 'Alien' on a pirated VHS."

It seems remarkable that he went on to work for Ridley Scott, the blockbuster film's British director, but it didn't, he emphasises, happen overnight.

"Like everything else in life, you have to work hard. I went to film school, then got into the industry at entry level as a runner. I kept writing all the time.

"I look back at some of my early work and cringe, but you just have to keep writing, learning from your mistakes and getting better at it," he says.

Eventually, he got a job at RSA, Ridley Scott's commercial production company. It was there that he met Mat Kirkby, the man who became his co-writer and co-producer on Oscar-winning short 'The Phone Call'. James recalls: "We found out that both our mothers had volunteered at crisis helplines, counselling. I dug out an old script of mine, based in a crisis call centre, and we reworked it."

There was no grand, Oscar-winning ambition, James says: "We just wanted to make something we were creatively and artistically proud of."

> **"Hearing our name called was one of the most incredible, euphoric moments of my life"**

The pair secured Sally Hawkins and Jim Broadbent to star in the film. James enthuses: "We were so busy that we didn't have time to be star-struck. But hearing these astonishingly talented actors speaking your words is pretty profound, I found it humbling."

The duo applied to film festivals and were rejected from several before winning the best narrative short award at the Tribeca film festival in New York. It meant they were eligible to enter the Academy Awards.

"I relocated my whole family from Hackney to LA in the run up to the awards," says James. "My wife, my two-year-old, my newborn and my mother-in-law. We had to campaign, network and attend official events for 'The Phone Call' – it was busy!"

Finally, the night of the ceremony arrived. He says: "It was an incredibly surreal thing, having grown up as a Kiwi lad watching the Oscars from afar on a small TV screen, to being there, in that theatre, so many years later. And winning. Well…

"Hearing our name called was one of the most incredible, euphoric moments of my life.

"All the stress and tension just drained from my body and I thought: it's serious party time."

So, what next? James has obtained the rights to the life story of former footballer Paul Gascoigne and is busy writing that. A project he describes as: "Shakespearian in its highs and lows, a kind of British 'Raging Bull'."

He is also developing two TV series concepts and a feature film successor to 'The Phone Call' called 'An English Rhapsody'.

And then there is another film, 'Bohemian Bicycle Club', which James describes as: "A love note to Hackney, exploring the place and the tribes that inhabit it, in a naturalistic and indie way."

The film is about a disillusioned advertising executive who gets drawn into a fledgling outlaw biker gang, inspired by the Black Skulls, who have a garage on Wilton Way, E8.

James says: "There are so many interesting tensions in Hackney. Other parts of London always feel a bit homogenous by comparison.

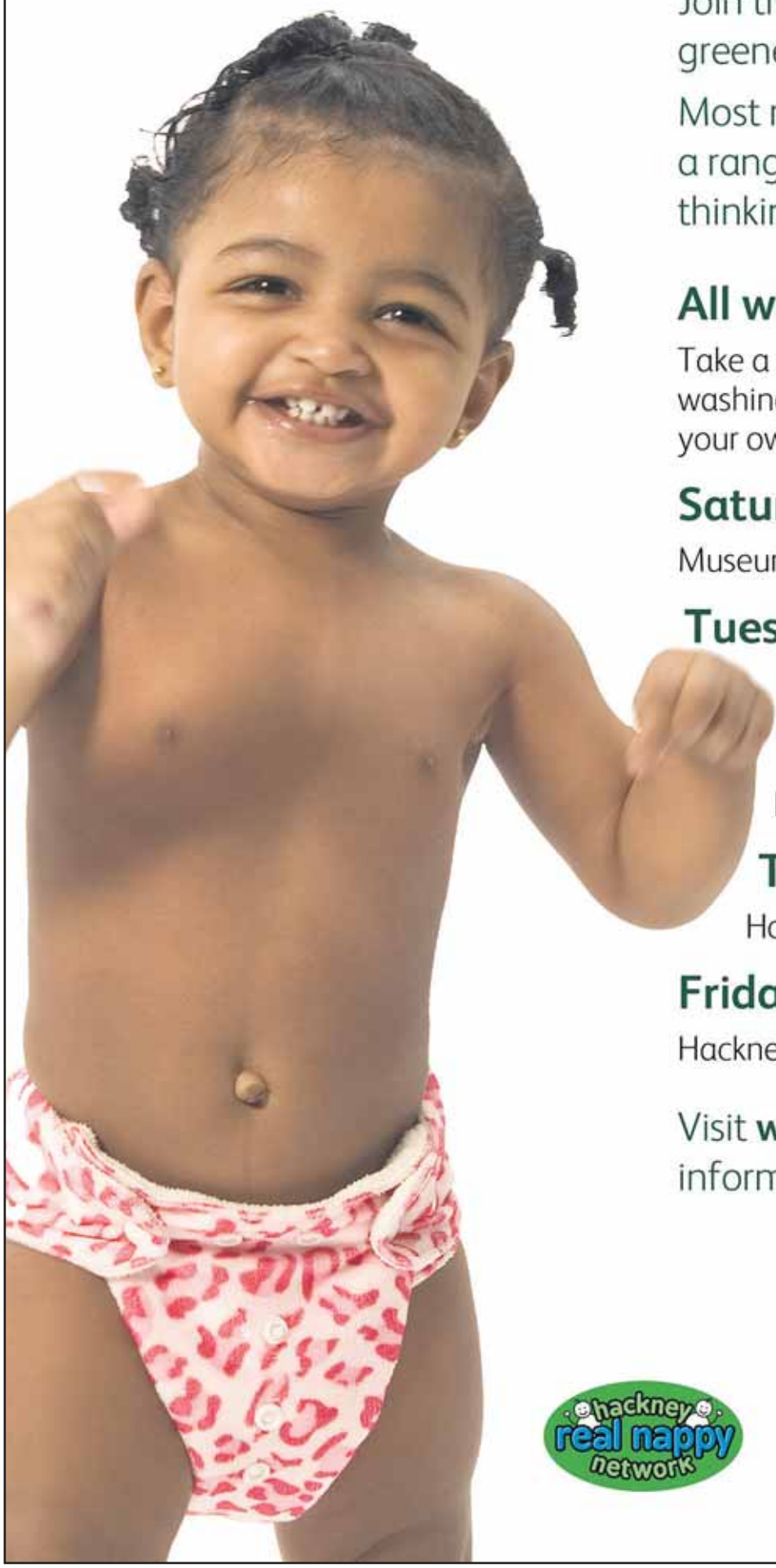
"When we first moved here, we were attracted by its vibrancy. And then once we'd bought the house, we discovered that my great-great grandparents were actually married in the church at the top of our road. So Hackney's given me ancestors as well as artistic inspiration."

Curriculum Vitae: James Lucas

1976	Born in Buckinghamshire
1981	Family moves to New Zealand
1999	Graduates from film school
2003	Becomes a writer/researcher at Talkback Television
2005	Employed by Ridley Scott's RSA Films
2015	Wins Oscar for short film 'The Phone Call'

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Wednesday 22nd: Information stall

Lubavitch Children's Centre **2pm – 3pm**

Thursday 23rd: Information stall

Homerton Hospital Foyer **10am –1pm**

Friday 24th: Nappuccino

Hackney Central Library **10.30am –12noon**

Visit **www.hackney.gov.uk/nappies** for more information about any of these events.

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MORE INFO

To ask the Genie a question, e-mail: **recycling @hackney.gov.uk**, or write to: **Green Genie, Recycling, Keltan House, 89-115 Mare Street, E8 4RU**. For more information on recycling in the borough call: **020 8356 6688**, or visit: **www.hackney.gov.uk/recycling**







1. New route linking Hackney to Waltham Forest; 2. East Reservoir, Hackney, will form part of Woodberry Wetlands; 3. Woodberry Wetlands at sunset

Greenway funding win

THE Council has been awarded £120,000 to create a new walking and cycling route linking soon-to-be-open nature reserves in Hackney and Walthamstow.

The 3km green 'corridor' will connect Woodberry Wetlands, in Hackney, and Walthamstow Wetlands, in Waltham Forest – both due to open next year – and will pass through parks and quiet roads.

More than 1,700 people voted for the plans – drawn up by Hackney and Walthamstow councils and the London Wildlife Trust – in a public poll for the Mayor of London's Big Green Fund.

> "Everyone at London Wildlife Trust can't wait to show visitors around these wonderful urban wetland nature reserves"

The project, called the Wetlands to Wetlands Greenway, will see road space given over to green space, new trees planted, and safety improvements made to streets.

The scheme will also allow cyclists and walkers to avoid the heavy traffic of Seven Sisters Road and connect with several other quiet routes, including links into central London and Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

David Mooney, regional development manager for East London's Wildlife Trust, said: "Everyone at London Wildlife Trust can't wait to show visitors around these wonderful urban wetland nature reserves and signpost people along the new 'Wetlands to Wetlands' greenway route, avoiding all the heavy traffic along Seven Sisters Road."

The route, which should be completed by next March, will take in Manor House Tube; Woodberry Down Estate; Woodberry Wetlands; Stamford Hill; Clapton Common; Springfield Park; River Lee Navigation towpath; Walthamstow Marshes and Wetlands; and Walthamstow (see map).

The Greenway was one of seven projects in the running for a slice of the Mayor's £900,000 funding for investment in environmental improvements for London.

People were invited to vote online for their favourite scheme with more than 10,000 votes cast overall.

Millfields Park playground reopens after £80,000 makeover

YOUNGSTERS can explore the forgotten art of tree-climbing with the unveiling of a newly revamped play area.

A fallen oak tree, sitting in a huge new sandpit, forms the impressive-looking centrepiece of Millfields Park playground, which has just undergone an £80,000 makeover by the Council.

A new wooden playhouse with soft ground has also been installed, along with a tyre swing, giant stepping logs, and a playful stile-like entrance. Old play equipment including swings have been repainted or refreshed. The designs follow a public consultation last year.

Kim Wright, Corporate Director of Health and Community Services, said: "This exciting new play area is all about allowing children to explore, clamber, climb, and be adventurous.

"The new tree, which has been specially treated and made safe, has proved particularly popular since the reopening."

The playground refurbishment forms part of a £700,000 Council project to improve the whole of Millfields Park, including pathway and wall repairs, tree works, railing removal, the replacement of park furniture, remodelling of entrances, improvements to the sports surfaces, and an upgrade of the toilet block.



The fallen oak tree forms the centrepiece of the playground

Photo: Adam Holt

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what's on

TOP FIVE

There's so much to do in and around Hackney. From theatre to club nights, art exhibitions to community events. Here's our pick of what's on this fortnight:

1. HOME OF THE HOMELESS

An exhibition exploring the places and spaces the poor inhabited in the 19th and 20th centuries

▸ See Art & Exhibitions

2. POP-UP CHOIR

Love to sing? Join a choir that sings genres ranging from pop, world, alternative, rock, soul and gospel

▸ See Courses

3. I NEED A RHYTHM

Go back to the old skool club classics with a selection of the best dance and house music

▸ See Nightlife

4. ACTING UP!

A live, improvised show where the audience are the judges, with comedy duo, Ashley J & Tee-J

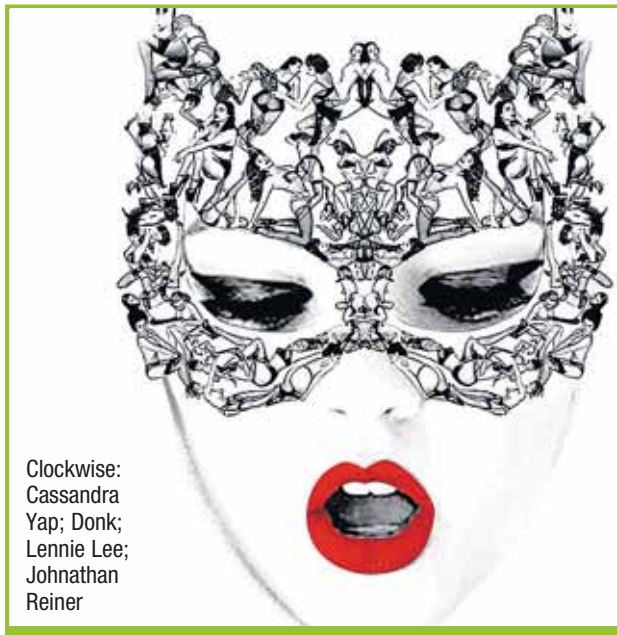
▸ See Theatre & Live Entertainment

5. PARK IN THE DARK

Go on a twilight bat walk, uncovering a secret night-time world of owls and bats

▸ See Noticeboard

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Clockwise: Cassandra Yap; Donk; Lennie Lee; Johnathan Reiner

PREVIEW

Phantasmorgia

23 April – 23 May, Well Hung gallery, 239 Hoxton Street, N1 5LG

IF its name is anything to go by, the latest exhibition at the Well Hung gallery promises to be phantastic.

Phantasmorgia, which opens on 23 April, is a visual exploration of the word itself: a fantastic sequence of haphazardly associative imagery, as seen in dreams or fever, according to the dictionary. To do this, the exhibition brings together the work of four local artists. Cassandra Yap's images are known for their juxtaposition of dark and beautiful subjects and, as a street artist, Donk uses photography and printmaking to bring images of London's environment alive. They are joined by veteran performance artist, Lennie Lee, an Oxford University classicist by training, and Johnathan Reiner, a neuroscientist and doctor by profession. Across different mediums, including screen prints, paintings and site-specific mural, the four find common ground in illusions and the fantastical.

▸ For more info, visit: www.wellhung.co.uk

also in what's on

NIGHTLIFE



HEALTH, FITNESS & SPORT





Roof Top Film Club at Queen of Hoxton

Events info can also be viewed on the Council's website: www.hackney.gov.uk/whatson

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ART & EXHIBITIONS

ZINA

Until 30 Apr, various opening times

The London-based street artist has become well known for her blue-scale portraits of women and children. Here she showcases her interest in the urban scene that has sparked a desire to work with spray paint. Her paintings combine influences, looking at realistic portraiture and different ethnic cultures. Free. Canvas Bar, 235 Old Street, Shoreditch, EC1V 9HE. **Info: 020 7336 0275; www.canvasbar.co.uk/zina.html**

ROMAN REMAINS

18 Apr-17 May, Fri-Sun, 12noon-6pm

This exhibition features six international artists who were resident at the British School at Rome in 2014. They reunite to consider how their time in the city has influenced their individual practices of painting, photography and film imagery. Free. All ages. Unit 25a, Regent Studios, 8 Andrews Road, E8 4QN. **Info: 020 7254 4202; www.transitiongallery.co.uk**

LOS CARPINTEROS

Until 24 May, various opening times

The cleverly crafted and often humorous installations and sculptures made by Cuban art collective, Los Carpinteros may appear whimsical at first, yet every piece has an element of political commentary. Marco Castillo and Dagoberto Rodriguez explore everyday objects through installations, sculptures, watercolour drawings, plus a film screening. Parasol Unit Foundation For Contemporary Art, 14 Wharf Road, N1 7RW. **Info: 020 7490 7373; www.parasol-unit.org/los-carpinteros**

HOME OF THE HOMELESS

Tues-Sun, 10am-5pm

An exhibition exploring the places and spaces the poor inhabited in the 19th and 20th centuries, bringing them to life through paintings, photographs and the accounts of the men, women and children who sought shelter in Victorian London. £5/3 conc. All ages. Geffrye Museum, 136 Kingsland Rd, Shoreditch, E2 8EA. **Info: 020 7739 9893; www.geffrye-museum.org.uk/whatson/exhibitions-and-displays**



HACKNEY @50

Tues-Sat, various opening times

50 local people, groups and schools have selected an object from Hackney Museum's collection to share what borough means to them in this new exhibition. Free. All ages. Hackney Museum, 1 Reading Lane, E8 1GQ. **Info: 020 8356 3500; www.hackney.gov.uk/museum-exhibitions.htm**

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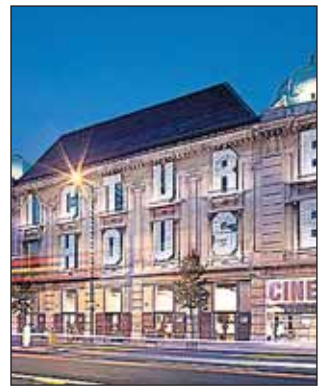
Force Majeure (15); The Falling (15); The Hard Problem (12A); Dressed As A Girl (15); Dolphin Tale 2 (U); The Nut Job 3D (U). Rio Cinema, 107 Kingsland High St, Dalston, E8 2PB. **Info: 020 7241 9410; www.riocinema.ndirect.co.uk**

RICH MIX

Cobain: Montage Of Heck (15); Force Majeure (15); While We're Young (15); The Water Diviner (15); Cinderella (U); Dior and I (12A); Bypass (15); NT: Live -The Hard Problem (12A); South Africa @20 presents Future Sounds of Mzansi (15). Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Rd, E1 6LA. **Info: 020 7613 7498; www.richmix.org.uk**

HACKNEY PICTUREHOUSE

Force Majeure (15); Good Kill (15); Lost River (15); Kurt Cobain: Montage of Heck (15); Blade Runner: The Final Cut (re: 2015) (15); While We're Young (15); Wild Tales (15); Dior & I (12A); Fast & Furious 7 (12A); Cinderella (U); Home (PG). Hackney Picturehouse, 270 Mare St, E8 1HE. **Info: 0871 902 5734; www.picturehouses.co.uk/cinema/hackney_picturehouse**



COURSES

OPEN CINEMA

Every Wed, various times

An eight-month project offering events and workshops, with the opportunity to collaborate on the production of a two-day cinema event in October. The project includes opportunities for training. Free. All ages. Open School East, The Rose Lipman Building, 43 De Beauvoir Road, N1 5SQ. **Info: 07734 777 784; www.openschooleast.org**

MAKE YOUR OWN CLOTHES

Every Thurs, 2-4pm

Students will gain useful design and garment construction skills such as dart manipulation, draping on a stand, and fashion illustration with a masterclass on appliqué. Classes include design, textiles, pattern cutting and sewing. £3. Ages 50+. Wayside Community Centre, 69 Lower Clapton E5 0NP. **Info: 07729 127 272; prettyshepink@aol.com**

LETTERPRESS ONE-DAY WORKSHOP

Every Sat, 10.30am-3.30pm

Small, well equipped letter press studio classes for students of all levels wanting to try Letterpress printmaking. With over 70 metal fonts ranging from 6pt up to 72pt. Materials, biscuits and hot drinks included. £65. Age 12+. Unit 24, 3-5 Shelford Place, N16 9HS. **Info: 07943 735 179; pixelprss.wordpress.com/**

POP-UP CHOIR

16 Apr, every Thurs, 7-8.30pm

Love to sing? Join a new choir singing genres ranging from pop, world, alternative, rock, soul and gospel. The pop-up choir runs over six weeks. All levels. £5/£25 for the full 6 weeks. All ages. Shoreditch Church, Shoreditch High St, E1 6JN. **Info: shoreditchchoir@gmail.com**



BEGINNERS SWEDISH COURSE

21 Apr-14 Jul, 7.30-8.30pm

A fun and relaxed introduction, covering the basic communication skills and grammar used in Swedish. Most classes end with singing and discussing Swedish culture. £120 for 12 lessons. Ages 18+. Cooper & Wolf Swedish Café, 145 Chatsworth Rd, Lower Clapton, E5 0LA. **Info: 07958 471 083; www.e17swedish.com**

HEALTH, FITNESS & SPORT

PHYSICALITY CLASSES

Every Mon, until 11 May, 5.30-6.30pm

Competition

Win tickets to black comedy 'Clarion' at Arcola Theatre



TWO of the country's most acclaimed actors are returning to the London stage in the Arcola theatre's world premier of black comedy 'Clarion', and Hackney Today has two tickets to give away.

Critics' Circle award-winner Greg Hicks and three-time Olivier Award winner Clare Higgins star opposite one another as editor and reporter on tabloid newspaper The Daily Clarion.

The play, directed by the Arcola's artistic director Mehmet Ergen, is billed as an 'urgent black comedy about free speech, nationalism and the state of the British media in 2015'.

As the despotic editor hunts for a traitor within the ranks, and a washed up reporter plans a day of reckoning for 'Britain's worst newspaper', the play promises to 'shine a dazzling light on the dark heart of our democracy'.

Its writer, Mark Jagasia, has worked as a reporter for some of the UK's leading newspapers.

'Clarion' runs from 14 April to 16 May. For more info, visit: **www.arcolatheatre.com**

To be in with a chance of winning a pair of tickets, send a postcard to: Clarion competition, Hackney Today, 1st Floor, Maurice Bishop House, 17 Reading Lane, E8 1HH; or e-mail: htnews@hackney.gov.uk by 20 April. All entries must include a name, address and telephone number. Winners will be pulled out of a hat.

what's on

Stress can cause you to hold your back tightly, producing back or neck pain. Learn to stop the constant activity of your mind to gain a fuller perception of your body. Sleep, digest, think, move and feel better in many aspects of your life. The classes are developed mostly with music. Price. Ages 14+. Tripspace Arch 339-340, Acton Mews, E8 4EA. **Info: 07951 897 092; www.learnthroughthebody.com**

DANCE DANCE PARTY PARTY DALSTON

Every Mon, 7-8.30pm

Start the week on a high at a fitness rave for women. This freestyle hour-long dance session says leave your inhibitions at the door and lose yourself in the pure joy of dance. £4. Ages 18-80. The Victoria, 451 Queensbridge Road, E8 3AS. **Info: www.facebook.com/DdppDalston**



BIKE AND BRUNCH

Every Fri, 9am-12noon

Enjoy up to two-and-a-half hours of cycling on the Lee Valley VeloPark's one-mile road circuit before putting your feet up for a well earned hot drink. All levels. Women only. £5 per session/£10 inc bike and helmet hire/£3 extra to hire helmet alone. Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Abercrombie Road, E20 3AB. **Info: 08456 770 600; www.visitleevalley.org.uk**

ZUMBA

Every Fri, 7-8pm

Burn calories and improve fitness with a Latin dance based exercise class. A fun and exciting way to learn dance moves for an effective workout. Suitable for beginners. £1. Ages 17-25. Threshold Centre, 1 Ada Place, E2 9BA. **Info: 07944 006 273; www.active4life.eu.com**

VINYASA FLOW YOGA

Every Sat, 10.15-11.15am

Vinyasa Flow yoga brings together yoga postures, alignment and breathing. Improve strength and mobility, whilst also calming the mind and reducing stress. £10 per session or £20 in advance for first three classes. Main hall, The Old Fire Station, Leswin Road, N16 7NX. **Info: 07515 637 375; contact@sarah.yoga**



INTRODUCTION TO MEDITATION

15 Apr-8 Jul, every Wed, 10-11am

Learn techniques to manage stress, anxiety and depressive thoughts in this 12-week course in meditation. Also useful for people experiencing chronic pain. Suitable for beginners. Ages 50+. The Sharp End, 30 Holly Street, E8 3XW. **Info: 020 7923 0350; www.thesharpend.org.uk**

HOME SWEET HOME

21 April, 10am-12.30pm

Older People's Reference Group open meeting. Come and find out about some of the health services delivered at home and give your views. Jennifer Walker, Director of One Hackney; Cindy Fischer, Wound Care Service; Raj Radia, Chair of Local Pharmacy Committee; and Michael McGhee, Community Mental Health Services will all attend. Free. Age group 50+. Trinity Centre, Beechwood Road, E8 3DY. **Info: 020 7241 5906; hackney.oprg.org.uk**

NIGHTLIFE

CLARKS-LONDON LAUNCH PARTY

16 Apr, 8pm-2am

The Book Club transforms itself with a Caribbean carnival theme complete with decor, free giveaways, raucous dancers from the islands, and the very best in dancehall, bashment, soca and afrobeats. Free/£3/£5. Ages 18+. The Book Club, 100-106 Leonard St, EC2A 4XS. **Info: 020 7684 8618; www.wearetbc.com/whats-on/clarks-london-launch-party-w-spooky-bashment-set/**

ELECTRIC WIRE HUSTLE

18 Apr, 6.30-9.30pm

Duo Electric Wire Hustle touch down in London town from New Zealand to showcase their modern hip hop, psychedelic and soul sound. £14.50. Ages 18+. Oslo, 1a Amhurst Road, E8 1LL. **Info: 020 3553 4831; www.oslohackney.com/events/electric-wire-hustle**

JUST JUICE #4

18 Apr, 8pm-2am

The tropical grime, hip hop and bashment night returns with Rinse FM's Brackles. In support is up-and-coming new talent, Finn, plus there's a host of carnival fun with Twisted Hearts Soundsystem filling the ground floor with air horns, body paint and tropical sounds.£5/7/free before 9pm. Ages 18+. Queen of Hoxton, 1-5 Curtain Rd, EC2A 3JX. **Info: 020 7422 0958; www.queenofhoxton.com**

I NEED A RHYTHM

18 Apr, 11pm-4am

Go back to the old skool club classics with a selection of the best dance and house music. Expect to hear the likes of Crystal Waters, Inner City, Nightcrawlers and more. £5/3 before midnight. Ages 18+. The Waiting Room, 175 Stoke Newington High Street, N16 0LH. **Info: 020 7241 5511; www.waitingroomn16.com/listings/**





Odd Comic: My Champion Heartache

PREVIEW

The Yard Theatre: NOW '15

14 April-20 June, Yard Theatre, Unit 2a, Queen's Yard, E9 5EN

THE Yard Theatre knows how to take risks. Its annual festival, NOW, has always supported playwrights and theatre companies to do so, by giving them the space – for free – to test out new work. This year, the festival is set to offer a double-bill of daring new work, post-show discussions, live music and delicious food, every week, for 10 weeks, from 14 April. It's also changing its format. Producer Tamara Moore says: "We wanted to develop the way we support artists, so rather than build the festival solely around open submissions, as we have previously, this year only half the programme is made up of open submissions. The other half is made up of experienced artists who we have invited to take part."

Highlights from this year's festival includes: 'Penny Lane' by HighRise Theatre, a hip hop fuelled episode of EastEnders with bigger parties; 'Actress' by Sleepwalk Collective, a reckless plunge into the messy heart of how we speak; and 'SWAGGA' by Project 0, a comment on the fallout from being black, mixed and female.

Buy a £10 ticket and you'll get to see a double bill: a show by a new artist at 7.30pm, and another at 9pm by a more established name. On weekends, there will be live music performances too.

For more info and tickets, visit: **www.theyardtheatre.co.uk**

THEATRE & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT



ACTING UP!

16 Apr, from 8pm

A live, improvised show where the audience are the judges. Comedy duo, Ashley J & Tee-J go head to head as captains of their teams creating songs, sketches and crazy scenarios based upon the audience's suggestions, all umpired by DJ Tommy Sparks. Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Rd, E1 6LA. **Info: 020 7613 7490; www.richmix.org.uk/whats-on/event/acting-up-apr/**

BENGAL TIGER, SHANGHAI DRAGON

17 Apr, 8-11pm

This live production brings together international musicians from China and South Asia with jazz soloists and features musicians from the Grand Union Orchestra, including Gu Zheng playing the Chinese harp and Chris Biscoe on the alto saxophone. £12. Vortez Jazz Club, 11 Gillett Street, N16 8AZ. **Info: 020 7254 4097; www.vortexjazz.co.uk**

THE FLOW SHOW

18 Apr, 5pm till late

A charity fundraiser showcasing young talent alongside DJs, good food and pop-up shopping. Plus a runway fashion show with an enchanted forest theme. After party from 11pm. The Flow Show is a charity that provides a support system to young creatives. £25/20 early bird. Ages 18+. St John-at-Hackney, Lower Clapton Road, E5 0PD. **Info: www.phundee.com/reward/campaign/the-flow-show-2015**

SPRING CONCERT IN AID OF HACKNEY SPEAKER'S CHARITIES

18 Apr, from 7pm

A concert bringing together Hackney choirs and musicians to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society; local health charity for senior citizens, The Sharp End; and Laburnum Boat Club which provides personal development of children and young people. Hosted by the Speaker of Hackney, Cllr Sharon Patrick. £10/5 children under 14. All

Events info can also be viewed on the Council's website: www.hackney.gov.uk/whatson

DID YOU KNOW?



PREVIEW

Rooftop Film Club

From 4 May, Queen of Hoxton, 1-5 Curtain Road, EC2A 3JX

THE clocks have gone back, jumpers are being shed, and Hackney's parks are once again heaving, it can only mean one thing.... it's Rooftop Film Club season again. The club, which sold out 250 open-air screenings across the city last year, has just announced this year's programme. At its Hackney venue, Queen of Hoxton, tickets are now on sale for a schedule that kicks off with 'The Goonies' on 4 May and, by its close in September, will have covered classics new and old, from 'Birdman' to 'Breakfast at Tiffany's'.

Screenings will be on four nights a week, with doors opening at 8pm and films starting at 9pm. Food and drink will be catered for by the newly refurbished Queen of Hoxton Rooftop Bar & Kitchen.

So lie back in your deckchair, wireless headphones on and cocktail in hand, watching the movie play out against a backdrop of twinkling stars. (A poncho and blanket are distributed free, if and when, London's weather throws a curve ball...)

Tickets for Rooftop Film Club screenings at Queen of Hoxton cost £14. For more info, visit: **www.rooftopfilmclub.com**

ages. St John of Jerusalem Church, Lauriston Road, E9 7DL. **Info:** www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/153993

GOLDBERG VARIATIONS AT SUTTON HOUSE

19 Apr, 7-9pm

Hear one of Bach's most loved and revered pieces, 'The Goldberg Variations' played by pianist Charles Tebbs in the intimate surroundings of Sutton House. Penelope Roskell, supports. £12/10 conc/free for under 26. Sutton House, Homerton High Street, E9 6JQ. **Info: 07505 609 757;** www.shms.org.uk/thisseason.html



MAIDEN VOYAGE - ALBUM LAUNCH

25 Apr, 7.30-11pm

Shanty band The Ballina Whalers, present an evening of maritime music with folk influences from their album 'Maiden Voyage'. Featuring the Trad Academy Sea Shanty Choir, plus a DJ set from Will Lang. £10/12 otd/£18 adv with food. All ages. Round Chapel Old School Rooms, Powerscroft Road, Clapton, E5 0PU. **Info:** thetradacademy@gmail.com; tradacademy.co.uk

YOUNG PEOPLE

MAGIC BOX

Every Wed, 11am-12noon

Tots can get lost in interactive storytelling adventures about pirates, space, superheroes, princesses and more. Led by professional actor Lottie and writer Rebecca. £6/£10 for two children/free for children under 18 months. Ages 18 months-9 years. Clissold House, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 9HJ. **Info:** www.magicboxstories.com

PHOENIX STARR ACADEMY OF DANCE

Every Tues, 5-6pm

Learn to dance for competitions, shows, exams and videos in this street dance class taught by professional dancer Phoenix Starr. £7. Ages 7-14. Elite Evolution, 73-75 Lighthouse Space, Shacklewell Lane, E8 2EB. **Info: 07415 025 565;** www.phoenixstarr.com

MOVING SHADOW KARATE CLUB

Every Sat, 10am-12noon

This karate club aims to empower young people by teaching them discipline and learning basic martial art moves while keeping them fit and focused. Beginners class runs from 10-11am. £6. First session free. Ages 5-16. St Michael's and All Angels Church Hall, Lavender Grove, E8 3LR. **Info: 07957 311 200;** www.artburst.co.uk/whats-on/



HOME AND HOPE

17 Apr, 1pm

A talk on collaborative youth project, Kings Cross, which explores young people's experiences of homelessness today. Free. All ages. Geffrye Museum, 136 Kingsland Road, E2 8EA. **Info: 020 7739 9893;** LBedford@geffrye-museum.org.uk

BALLET

18 Apr-11 Jul, every Sat, 9.30am-1pm

Learn ballet with local award-winning dance company C-12, with exams at the end of the term. Baby ballet, 9.30am with parents. Beginners, 10.45am. Intermediate, 12noon. £66 for 12 weeks. £6 taster. Ages 2+. Chats Palace, 42-44 Brooksbys Walk, E9 6DF. **Info: 020 8533 0227;** www.chatspalace.co.uk/kids-classes/

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PARENTS AS PARTNERS

Every Tues, 10am-12am

A group designed to help parents with at least one child under the age of 11 to work positively together in managing family life. Open to all parents whether you are married, living together, separated or divorced. Free crèche. Free. Ages 18+. Queensbridge Sports and Community Centre, Holly Street, E8 3XW. **Info: 020 7380 6099;** www.family-action.org.uk/parents-partners/

FAMILY RIGHTS GROUP LEGAL ADVICE PROJECT

Every Tues, 5-7pm

The Family Rights Group and Hackney Law Centre have set up an advice service for relatives and friends who are ineligible for legal aid but want to apply to court to raise a child at risk of entering the care system. Free. Ages 18+. Hackney Community Law Centre, 8 Lower Clapton Rd, E5 0PD. **Info:** 020 7923 2628; www.frg.org.uk

FINDING SPACE CLUB

24 Apr, 11am-12.30pm

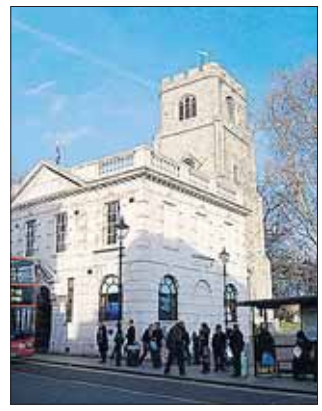
Anyone with a connection to St Joseph's Hospice is invited for tea, coffee and home-made cakes. Meet local people and enjoy friendly company and conversation in a relaxed environment. Welcome to bring friends. Ages 18+. St Joseph's Hospice, Mare Street, E8 4SA. **Info: 020 8525 3139;** www.stjh.org.uk/event/finding-space-club



ST AUGUSTINE'S TOWER OPEN DAY

26 Apr, 2-4.30pm

St. Augustine's clock tower is the remains of the medieval parish church of Hackney. Discover the history of the building and climb the 135 stairs for the best view of the borough. Free. All ages. 354 Mare Street, E8 1HR. **Info: 020 8986 0029;** www.hhbt.org.uk



PARK IN THE DARK

29 Apr, 7.45-9.45pm

Come on a twilight bat walk, uncovering a secret night-time world of owls and bats. All ages. Children must be accompanied. Clissold Park, Stoke Newington Church St, N16 9HJ. **Info: 020 8356 4600;** www.hackney.gov.uk/clissold-park



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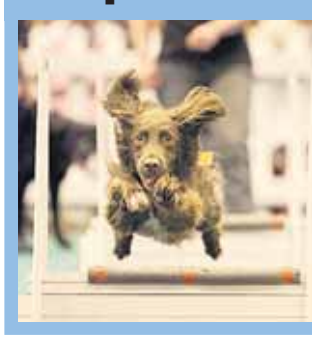
Important information for submissions

To submit your listing to What's On for publication in Hackney Today and on the Council website, fill in the e-form at: **www.hackney.gov.uk/whatson**

Please see the guidance notes on the website for further information.

We reserve the right to edit any material. No submission is guaranteed a listing.

Competitions



Hackney Today offered readers a chance to win tickets to the Pet Show in issue 351.

The lucky winner was K Geoghegan, E5

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Running challenge

Schoolchildren from last year's Run Hackney Schools' Challenge; Rushmore Primary School pupil Mehmetcan (below)

SOME 1,000 children from schools across the borough are in training for the Vitality Run Hackney Schools' Challenge.

The youngsters have been challenged to run a mile, once or twice a week, in order to complete 12 miles before the Run Hackney Half Marathon on 10 May, in which residents of all ages and abilities will compete.

The final leg of the Schools' Challenge is set to take place shortly after the main event gets under way. It will see the children run 1.1 miles along Homerton Road and Lee Conservancy Road to complete a 13.1 mile half marathon of their own, supported by thousands of spectators.

> "The Schools' Challenge is a great opportunity to get children of all running abilities involved"

Hannah Herlihy, PE coordinator at Rushmore Primary School, has signed up 45 children in Years 4, 5 and 6. She said: "The Schools' Challenge is a great opportunity to get children of all running abilities involved, as it is neither a race, nor a competition."



Mehmetcan, 10, agreed. He said: "I enjoy running each week. When I first started, I couldn't really do it, but as the weeks have gone on, I'm getting better.

"I'm excited about the event and I'll feel good when I've done it. It's made me want to do more running and sports."

Last year's inaugural half marathon saw 12,500 runners pounding the streets of Hackney.

MORE INFO

For more info on Run Hackney, visit: **www.runhackney.com**

Hackney's schools among most successful in UK

NEW research from the Department for Education (DfE) indicates that Hackney's schools are amongst the most successful in the country.

The research is an attempt to measure, for the first time, the performance of local authority schools against academy chains.

A school's success at improving their students' individual results was measured by taking into account pupils' performance before they entered that school.

The speed with which the school itself was improving was also measured, and compared to other schools of a similar quality.

When these results were plotted on a graph that included both local authority and academy schools across the country, three local authorities beat all competition across both measures of success.

Hackney came out top followed by Barnet and Haringey, suggesting that local authority schools in these three boroughs are leading the country in terms of raising standards.

Some 100 local authorities and 19 of the major academy providers across the country were submitted to this new test.


Local authority-led Haggerston School

News in brief

Youth Games basketball wins

By **Dila Tumer**

TWO Hackney schools have celebrated winning medals at the London Youth Games.

Sixteen teams from across the capital battled it out for a spot in the national basketball finals, which will take place in May. Clapton Girls' Academy and Haggerston School both took third place in semi-finals on 19 March.

Haggerston School won bronze in the boys' under 16s category with a scoreline of 93-85 against Brent's Capital City Academy. Team member Kayode Olufesian said: "The competition was very fierce, there were many talented schools. I felt very privileged to share the court with such good basketball players."

Clapton Girls' Academy also took bronze in both the girls under 14 and under 16 competitions. The under 14s secured a 67-56 win over Chadwell Heath, from Redbridge, with the under 16s beating Barking Abbey School of Barking & Dagenham 77-42.

The London Youth Games are sponsored by Balfour Beatty and are open to Londoners aged between seven and 18. For more info, visit: **www.londonyouthgames.org**


Haggerston School won bronze in the male under 16s

Russell Brand opens a new classroom in nursery school

COMEDIAN Russell Brand opened a new classroom at a Hackney nursery school on 27 March.

Comet Nursery School and Children's Centre's new classroom for two-year-olds was built with funding from both Hackney Learning Trust and the school itself.

The N1 school serves a community that includes the New Era estate, where Brand supported a successful campaign against rent hikes last year.

Headteacher Lisa Clarke said: "Having Russell's support for Comet and the local community, including families that live on the New Era estate, has highlighted the importance of our community spirit."





Are you aged 18-23, not working full-time, living in Hackney and looking to get into Construction?

WHAT?	A free Construction Training Course + On-Site Work Experience Placement
WHEN?	Courses running throughout **April, May & June 2015**.
WHERE?	Woodberry Down Construction Site, Hackney – N4 2SB
HOW DO I JOIN?	Call K10 now on **0203 696 2660** or email **joinus@k-10.co.uk**

We will be recruiting for the programme at our Training Cabin on the Woodberry Down Site. So call us now and we'll book you in for a screening session asap.

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Albion Square Conservation Area Community Consultation

Hackney Council are consulting on a revised boundary for the Albion Square conservation area along with a new draft Conservation Area Appraisal. A six week consultation period will run from 13 April 2015.

The Council seeks your views. Tell us what you think about the proposals.
Community Consultation drop-in session
Place: **The Tomlinson Centre, Queensbridge Road, London E8 3ND**
Date: **17 April 2015** Time: **4pm – 7pm**

For further information and project updates
Visit: **www.hackney.gov.uk/albion-ca**
Email: **consultation@hackney.gov.uk** with 'Albion Square' in the subject line
Call: **020 8356 4873**

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Dalston Conservation Area Community Consultation

Hackney Council is consulting on a proposed Dalston Conservation Area, including a draft conservation area map and appraisal. A six week consultation period will run from 13 April 2015.

The Council is seeking your views. Tell us what you think about the proposals.
Community Consultation Drop-in Sessions
Kingsland Shopping Centre
Wednesday 22nd April 2015, 4 – 7pm
Saturday 25th April 2015, 12 – 4pm

For further information and project updates
Visit: **www.hackney.gov.uk/dalston-ca**
Email: **consultation@hackney.gov.uk** with 'Dalston' in the subject line.
Call: **020 8356 8106**

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Young leaders

Two new Hackney members of UK Youth Parliament: Humaira Garasia (top inset) and Beth Foster-Ogg (bottom inset)

By **Dila Tumer**

TWO young people from Hackney have been elected to represent the borough in the UK Youth Parliament (UKYP).

Twelve candidates, aged 11 to 19, put themselves forward for election. They all wrote manifestos, which were printed anonymously so that votes were cast on the strength of their individual pledges.

Beth Foster-Ogg, 18, and Humaira Garasia, 17, were voted in by members of the borough's youth forums at Young Hackney Forest Road on 23 February.

> "Over the year, I intend to spread awareness of women's safety"

The duo will begin their term as Youth Parliament members this month. They will set to work on a campaign that aims to improve mental health services for young people, with young people's views fuelling the development of solutions.

Beth said: "I'd like to see more opportunities for work experience in local businesses, tech and City firms so young people are equipped with the right experiences to give them the same chance to succeed as those from other boroughs."

Humaira added: "Over the year, I intend to spread awareness of women's safety. I also hope for equal opportunities for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic youths."

As part of UKYP, Beth and Humaira will take part in national debates, including an annual debate at the House of Commons.

UKYP elections take place annually, and the Hackney Youth Parliament holds an open meeting on the last Monday of every month at Young Hackney Forest Road, E8, at 5.30pm.

MORE INFO

For more info, or to get involved in UKYP 2016, visit: **www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk**; e-mail: **tom.sheppard@hackney.gov.uk**; or call: **020 8356 7650**

News in brief

Young people urged to learn a water sport with Sea Cadets

HACKNEY'S young people are being invited to try sailing, rowing and paddlesports for free.

The Sea Cadet Boating Station, at Royal Docks, is offering free activities to young people, aged 11 to 18, from Hackney, Tower Hamlets, Newham and Barking and Dagenham.

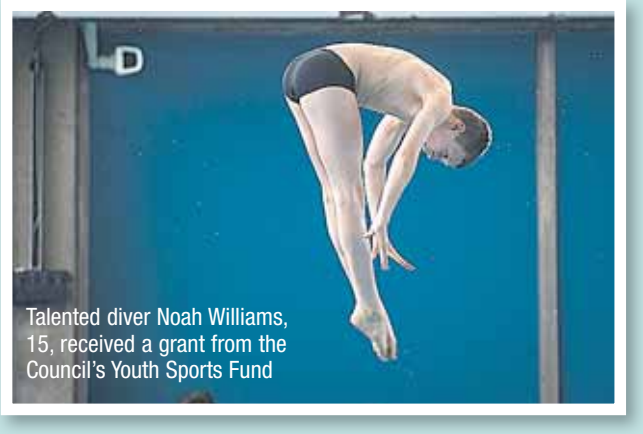
The sessions, which began on 11 April, are held every Saturday morning, from 10am to 1pm. As well as being a lot of fun, participants have the opportunity to gain a qualification.

Lisa Goodey, Sea Cadets watersports coordinator, said: "This is a wonderful opportunity for local young people to have fun, make new friends, get out on the water and gain nationally accredited qualifications outside of mainstream education. The Royal Docks is a great location and is easily assessable to those who want to come along."

The programme is funded by the Uniformed Youth Social Action Fund and will be staffed by qualified instructors. Young people who would like to attend these sessions should e-mail: **lgoodey@ms-sc.org**; or call: **020 7055 0585**.



Youth Sports Fund backs budding sports stars to develop their skills



Talented diver Noah Williams, 15, received a grant from the Council's Youth Sports Fund

FOURTEEN of Hackney's young rising sports stars have been given a financial boost thanks to the Council's Youth Sports Fund.

Noah Williams, 15, a talented diver who achieved fifth place in the British National Senior Diving Championships, is one of those who received a grant. He said: "The money helped me get into Team GB for the Junior Worlds this year by paying for the qualifying competition in Rome.

"I'm hoping to qualify for the Junior Europeans next year and aspire to go to the Commonwealth Games in 2018 and Tokyo Olympics in 2020."

The Strandell-Walker brothers: Kian, 10, Cameron, 12, and Ethan, 13, who all compete in judo, are also among those who have been given funding to buy new uniforms and help with competition expenses.

Since it was first set up in November 2007, the Youth Sports Fund has provided financial aid of more than £164,000 to help nurture young Hackney talent from grass roots to national level.

Last year, the fund was boosted by a further £30,000, thanks to a four-week Adidas advertising campaign filmed at Hackney Marshes Centre which the Council brokered with the sports giant.

For more info on the Youth Sports Fund, e-mail: **leisuresports@hackney.gov.uk**; or call: **020 8356 4897**.



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Email: enforcementsupport@hackney.gov.uk
Call: 020 8356 4504

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Photos: Anne-Marie Oni-Olusola









Keep calm and carry on cooking

By **Andrew Woollard**

LEARNING to create delicious, healthy and affordable meals from scratch for just one pound is the culinary mission of 'Bags of Taste', a free community initiative that is cooking up a storm in Hackney.

Notorious for my own dinner choices (chicken nuggets and waffles), I was offered the opportunity to join a course to gain some much-needed gastronomic inspiration to turn this frozen food chump into a MasterChef champ.

Joining 20 other residents from across the borough at Dalston's Trinity Centre, Alicia Weston and her team set about demonstrating how to prepare and cook two tasty recipes from scratch: Kluski (Polish dumplings with spinach) and Xinjiang cumin chicken.

After cooking instructions were handed to us novices, we were shown how to cook each meal, and offered hints and tips on where to pick up the most affordable ingredients, such as local markets. We were also shown how to finely chop an onion properly (apparently I had been doing it wrong for years.)

> **"I use what I have been taught to feed my five children. I now find cooking less stressful"**



'Bags of Taste's' Alicia Weston and her colleague Linda

We were then paired up, given our own workstations – that included a cooker, the ingredients and all the utensils necessary to put our skills into action – and rustled up some tasty food.

With 'Bags of Taste' volunteers on hand, the centre soon filled with the smells of cooking as each team began assembling their dishes. I tried the food we cooked and … it was surprisingly delicious!

Afterwards, I spoke to Babs Fry, who first joined the project as a participant and is now a volunteer helper. She said: "I use what I've been taught to feed my five children. I now find cooking less stressful and the hints and tips I've learnt makes the process simple and easy.

"Food brings the community together; through cooking and eating – and by taking people out of their comfort zones by trying something new – it broadens horizons."

Bags of the ingredients used on the day were also available for £3 to cook the dishes again at home.

'Bags of Taste' is funded by West Hackney Parochial Charity, Trust House Foundation and South Hackney Parochial Charity. The next course is 21 April.

MORE INFO

To book a place, e-mail: **cooking@parkholmesupperclub.co.uk**; or call/text your name to: **07715 555 560**

News in brief

Hospice worker wins award

A HOSPICE worker, who has cared for the terminally ill in Hackney for 35 years, has won a national award.

Rose Dodzo, one of the longest serving staff at St Joseph's Hospice in Mare Street, was selected from over 800 members of the UK charity sector to win the Care Service Provider of the Year award.

Rose said: "It is a real privilege to care for the patients and their families at the most vulnerable time in their lives and to give them the holistic care that was always advocated by St Joseph's. I'm thrilled to have won this award."

Rose began her career at St Joseph's in 1978 and spent many years as night sister, looking after all 42 of the hospice's beds. She was recently appointed to the post of nurse advisor for the hospice's new, 24 hour support line which offers specialist advice over the phone to people who are affected by serious, life-limiting conditions.

Michael Kerin, St Joseph's Chief Executive, said: "Rose is an asset to our organisation who has, over 35 years, always given her all. We're very proud that she won the top prize, it's an incredible achievement."



Rose Dodzo and Michael Kerin

Innovation health fund launch

A £400,000 fund to support local projects that help improve residents' health is set to be launched this month.

Individuals, voluntary groups, social enterprises and other not-for-profit organisations are being encouraged to bid for part of the Innovation Fund.

It was established last year by City and Hackney Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) as a result of feedback from residents, service users and stakeholders. It funded 11 projects that delivered innovative solutions for specific local health needs.

Dr Clare Highton, Chair of City and Hackney CCG, said: "Our area faces a wide range of complex health challenges and it can be difficult for people to access the services they need. The expertise needed to address this, and to drive down health inequalities within our communities, is what we want to harness through the fund. Therefore we want to hear from as many people and organisations as possible."

The launch will take place on 23 April, from 10am-1pm, at the Tomlinson Centre, E8. To book, e-mail: **eeva.huoviala@nhs.net**; or call: **020 7683 4222**. For more info, visit: **www.cityandhackneyccg.nhs.uk/about-us/innovation-fund.htm**



The Mayor and councillors

Councillors are elected by Hackney residents and serve for four years. The last borough elections took place in May 2014.

Councillors have a range of responsibilities, including helping to oversee the Council and its services. They hold advice surgeries where residents can meet their local representative and ask them to take up issues that may be of concern. Generally they can help with Council related matters, but if the issue is the responsibility of another person or organisation, councillors can often point people in the right direction and tell residents who they need to see.

Hackney has 57 councillors representing areas called wards – see map below.


MAYOR JULES PIPE

Hackney has an executive Mayor, Jules Pipe, who is not a councillor, but is directly elected by the entire borough.

The Mayor is the political leader of the Council, overseeing the budget and all Council services. Civic and ceremonial duties are undertaken by the Speaker of Hackney who is elected annually from among the borough's 57 councillors. The current Speaker is Cllr Sharon Patrick.

1. BROWNSWOOD


LAB

Cllr Brian Bell
1st Thurs each month
7-8pm, The Kings Crescent Estate Community Centre, Queens Drive, N4 2XD.


LAB

Cllr Clare Potter
2nd Sat each month
10.30-11.30am, Alexandra Nationals Community Space, Finsbury Park Place, 302 Seven Sisters Road, N4 2PJ.

2. CAZENOVE


LIB DEM

Cllr Dawood Akhoon
1st & 3rd Thurs each month
6.30-7.30pm, North London Muslim Community Centre, 68 Cazenove Road, N16 6AA.


LIB DEM

Cllr Abraham Jacobson
2nd Wed each month
6.30-7.15pm, North London Muslim Community Centre, 68 Cazenove Road, N16 6AA.
No surgery in April


LIB DEM

Cllr Ian Sharer
1st & 3rd Thurs each month
10.30-11.30am, North London Muslim Community Centre, 68 Cazenove Road, N16 6AA.

3. CLISSOLD


LAB


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LAB

Cllrs Sophie Cameron, Ned Hercock & Sade Etti
(on a rota basis)
1st Mon each month
6.30-7.30pm, Stoke Newington Library, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0JS.
3rd weekend each month
Roving surgery.

4. DALSTON


LAB


LAB

Cllrs Soraya Adejare & Peter Snell (on a rota basis)
1st Thurs & 3rd Fri each month
6.30-7.30pm, Dalston CLR James Library, Dalston Square, London, E8 3BQ.

5. DE BEAUVOIR


LAB


LAB

Cllrs Laura Bunt & James Peters (on a rota basis)
2nd Sat each month
11am-12noon, café in the precinct behind the Rose Lipman Building, Trinity Court, De Beauvoir Estate (off Downham Road), N1.

Contact Cllr Peters on: **james.peters@hackney.gov.uk**; or: **07748 629 977.**
Contact Cllr Bunt via members services on: **020 8356 3373.**

6. HACKNEY CENTRAL


LAB


LAB


LAB

Cllrs Sophie Linden, Ben Hayhurst & Vincent Stops
(on a rota basis)
1st Sat each month
11am-12noon, Room 37a, Hackney Town Hall, E8 1EA.

3rd Sat each month
11am-12noon, Wilton Estate Community Hall, Greenwood Road, E8 1BE.

Contact these cllrs on:
sophie.linden@hackney.gov.uk;
ben.hayhurst@hackney.gov.uk;
vincent.stops@hackney.gov.uk

7. HACKNEY DOWNS


LAB


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LAB

Cllrs Michael Desmond, Anna-Joy Rickard & Rick Muir

Cllr Desmond
1st Sun each month
11am-12noon, Luncheon Club, 19 Olympus Square, E5.

Cllrs Rickard & Muir
2nd Sun each month
11am-12noon, Landfield Community Hall, Landfield Estate, Clapton, E5 8QZ.
Call: 07875 546 155.

4th Sun each month
Roving surgery.

8. HACKNEY WICK


LAB


LAB


LAB

Cllrs Chris Kennedy, Jess Webb & Nick Sharman
(on a rota basis)
1st Sun each month
12noon-1pm, Wick OAP Hall, Lavington Close, Trowbridge Estate, E9.

Contact Cllr Kennedy on:
07730 883 190.

9. HAGGERSTON


LAB


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LAB

Cllrs Barry Buitekant, Jonathan McShane & Ann Munn (on a rota basis)
1st Thurs each month
6-7pm, Haggerston Community Centre, 8 Lovelace Street, E8 4FF.

3rd Sat each month
10-11am, Regents Pensioners Hall, 33 Brougham Rd, E8 4PD.

10. HOMERTON


LAB


LAB


LAB

Cllrs Robert Alan Chapman, Guy Nicholson, Sally Mulready
1st Fri each month
Roving surgery with all Homerton cllrs. Contact for further details.
Cllr Chapman
Call: **07821 330 532.**

Cllr Nicholson
3rd Fri each month
6.30-7.30pm, Banister House Community Hall, Homerton High Street, E9 6BP.
No surgery in April

Cllr Mulready
Call: **07930 575 913.**

11. HOXTON EAST & SHOREDITCH


LAB


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LAB

Cllrs Kam Adams, Feryal Demirci & Tom Ebbutt (on a rota basis)
1st Sat each month
10.30-11.30am, Shoreditch Library, 80 Hoxton Street, N1 6LP.
3rd Sat each month,
11am-12noon, roving surgery.

12. HOXTON WEST


LAB


LAB


LAB

Cllr Philip Glanville
3rd Wed each month
6-7pm, Provost Community Hall, Murray Grove, N1 7QX.

Cllr Clayeon McKenzie
2nd Tues each month
6-7pm, The Bell Club, Bowling Green Walk, 40 Pitifield Street, N1 6EU.

Cllr Carole Williams
3rd Wed each month
6-7pm, Provost Community Hall, Murray Grove, N1 7QX.

2nd Sun every other month
Roving surgery.

13. KING'S PARK


LAB


LAB


LAB

Cllrs Sharon Patrick, Tom Rahilly & Rebecca Rennison (on a rota basis)
1st Fri each month
6.30-7.30pm, The Kabin, Kingsmead Way, E9 5QG.
3rd Sat each month
11am-12noon, Vi Forrester Hall, Gilpin Road, Clapton E5 0LH.

14. LEA BRIDGE


LAB


LAB


LAB

Cllrs Margaret Gordon, Ian Rathbone & Deniz Oguzkanli
(on a rota basis)
1st Thurs each month
6.30-7.30pm, St John Ambulance Hall, Mildenhall Road, E5.
2nd Sat each month
1.30-2.30pm, Venetia's Coffee Shop, 55 Chatsworth Road, E5 0LH.
4th Sat each month
10-11am, The Community Flat, Jack Watts Estate, 10 Detmold Road, E5.

Call: **07890 654 068**; or e-mail: **ian.rathbone@tiscali.co.uk**

15. LONDON FIELDS

LAB

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LAB

Cllrs Anntoinette Bramble, M Can Ozsen & Emma Plouviez
(on a rota basis)
1st Mon each month (except Bank Holidays)
6.30-7.30pm, Queensbridge Leisure Centre, 30 Holly Street, E8 3XW.
3rd Sat each month
10-11am, Regents Pensioners Hall, 30 Brougham Rd, E8.
No surgery in April

16. SHACKLEWELL

LAB

LAB

Cllrs Michelle Gregory & Richard Lufkin (on a rota basis)

1st Fri each month
6-7pm, Dalston CLR James Library, Dalston Lane, E8 3BQ.

Monthly roving surgeries or meetings by prior arrangement.

Contact councillors via e-mail: **michelle.gregory@hackney.gov.uk** & **richard.lufkin@hackney.gov.uk**; or call members services on: **020 8356 3373.**

17. SPRINGFIELD

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Cllr Simche Steinberger
2nd Mon each month
4-5pm, Stamford Hill Library, Portland Avenue, N16 6SB.
3rd Sun each month
2.30-3.30pm, Asda Parade, U Marka Ltd, 158 Clapton Common, E5 9AG.
Cllr Michael Levy
1st & 3rd Sun each month (on a rota basis) 11.30am-12.30pm, Webb Estate Community Hall, Clapton Common, E5 9BD.
Cllr Harvey Odze:
2nd Mon each month, 7.30-8.30pm, The Mount Comm. Hall, 21 Mount Pleasant Lane, E5 9DW.
4th Mon each month, 7.30-8.30pm, Wrens Park Comm. Hall, Springfield, E5 9LN.
Call: **07790 902 513**.

18. STAMFORD HILL WEST

LAB

CON

Cllr Rosemary Sales
3rd Sun each month
12noon-1pm, Peter Collins Memorial Hall, Holmleigh Estate, Oxted Court, N16 5QW.

Cllr Benzion Papier
Contact members services to leave a message for Cllr Papier on: **020 8356 3373.**

19. STOKE NEWINGTON

LAB

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LAB

Cllrs Louisa Thomson, Susan Fajana-Thomas & Mete Coban
(on a rota basis)
2nd Sat each month
10-11am, Stoke Newington Library, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0JS.
4th Sat each month,
roving surgery, 11am-1pm.

20. VICTORIA

LAB

LAB

LAB

Cllrs Will Brett, Katie Hanson & Geoff Taylor

Cllrs Brett
1st Mon each month
7-8pm, Pitcairn House Community Hall, St Thomas' Square, E9 6PT.
No surgery in January.
Cllr Hanson
2nd Wed each month
7-8pm, New Kingshold Community Centre, 49 Ainsworth Road, E9 7JE.
Cllr Taylor
3rd Wed each month
2-3pm, Salvation Army Building, 70 Mare Street, E8 4RT.

21. WOODBERRY DOWN

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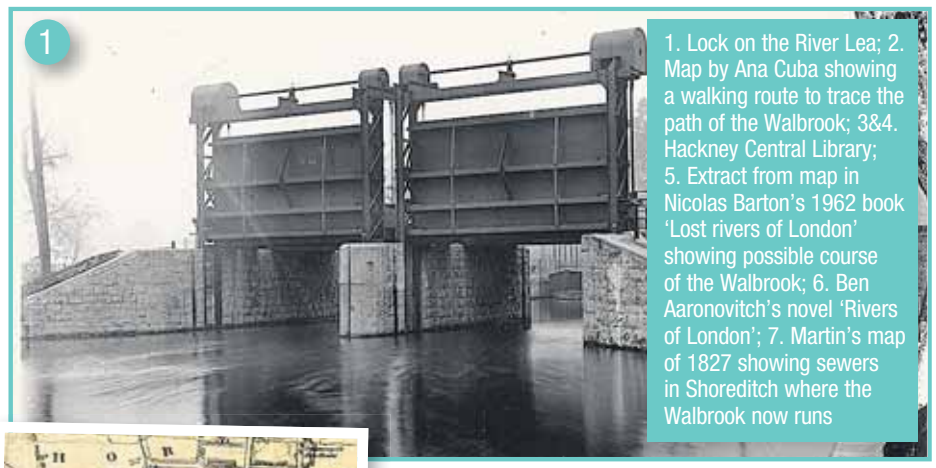
LAB

Cllrs Jon Burke & Caroline Selman (on a rota basis)
1st Sat each month
10-11am, Joseph Court Community Hall, Joseph Court, Amhurst Park, N16 5AJ.
2nd Sat each month
10-11am, Woodberry Down Community Organisation office, Unit 2c Rowan Apartments, Seven Sisters Road, N4 1NS.
3rd Sun each month
10-11am, Ben Simons Community Hall, Block 1-66, Lincoln Court, Bethune Road, N16.

Hackney's wards in alphabetical order

1. BROWNSWOOD
2. CAZENOVE
3. CLISSOLD
4. DALSTON
5. DE BEAUVOIR
6. HACKNEY CENTRAL
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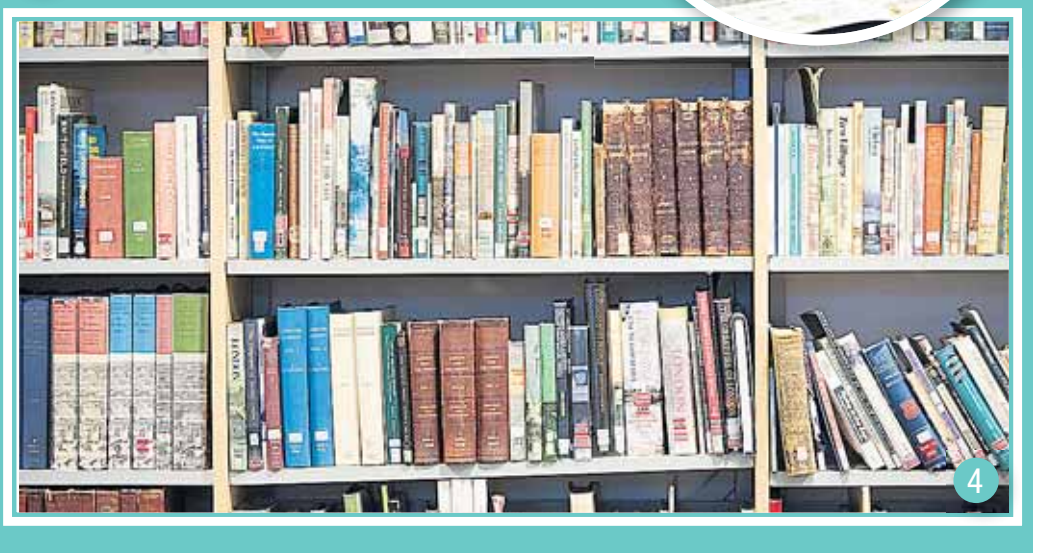
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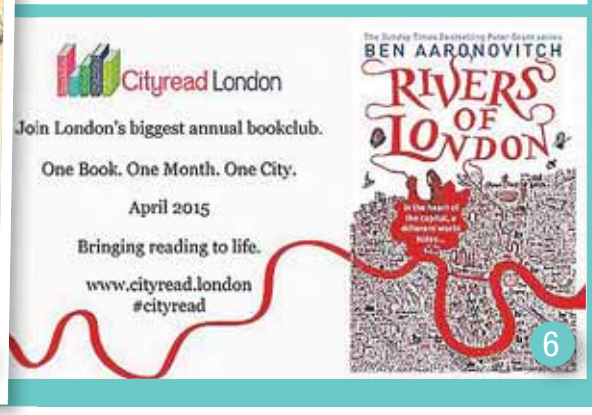
1. Lock on the River Lea; 2. Map by Ana Cuba showing a walking route to trace the path of the Walbrook; 3&4. Hackney Central Library; 5. Extract from map in Nicolas Barton's 1962 book 'Lost rivers of London' showing possible course of the Walbrook; 6. Ben Aaronovitch's novel 'Rivers of London'; 7. Martin's map of 1827 showing sewers in Shoreditch where the Walbrook now runs











The lost rivers of London

By **Sally England**

THIS month, Cityread London launched its mission to get the capital reading one single book together: Ben Aaronovitch's novel 'Rivers of London'.

It follows the exploits of Peter Grant, a rookie copper-turned-apprentice-wizard. During his adventures, Peter meets Mama Thames, the goddess of London's largest river, along with some of her 'daughters' including Fleet, Brent and Lea.

In the book, Lea appears as Mama Thames' most senior daughter, and it's implied that in fact she predates Mama Thames, but as a tributary has accepted Mama's authority.

Indeed, the River Lea follows the eastern boundary of Hackney and still flows above ground, although it has been canalised in places and locks installed to aid navigation.

Another important river – the Walbrook – runs through Hackney, though it has long been hidden underground and, unlike the subterranean Hackney Brook, is perhaps less well known to residents.

The Walbrook has yet to appear in one of Ben Aaronovitch's books, but it has a story to be told with a little digging through the layers of gravel and time.

The river rises from springs in the Moorgate and Shoreditch area and flows south along the line of Curtain Road. The tributaries merge near Finsbury Circus and continue down through Walbrook Street to join the Thames between Southwark and Cannon Street bridges.

The Romans built the settlement that became the London we know today on the banks of the fresh water Walbrook, with a port constructed near what is now Bucklersbury in the City, where a mosaic has been discovered.

> "Houses have been built thereon, so that the course of Walbrooke is now hidden underground, and thereby hardly known"

The Temple of Mithras lay nearby and the Roman Governor's palace was on the east bank. The name Walbrook probably came from the fact the river flowed through the Roman wall built to enclose the colony.



Quite where the Shoreditch springs are is difficult to tell. Recent excavations by the Museum of London at the site of the medieval Holywell Priory found layers of sandy gravel showing signs of water erosion and what is suspected to be a tributary of the Walbrook.

The archaeology strongly suggests numerous springs with channels that have gradually silted up and so changed their courses towards the Thames.

Although many of London's rivers remained above ground until relatively recently, the Walbrook disappeared as early as 1440, when Lord Mayor Robert Large paid to have the lower section covered.

In his survey of London of 1598, John Stow wrote 'the water-course, having diverse bridges, was afterwards vaulted over with brick, and paved level with the streets and lanes where through it passed; and since that, also houses have been built thereon, so that the course of Walbrooke is now hidden underground, and thereby hardly known.'

The river wasn't totally forgotten. A director of the Gas Light and Coke Company remembered it was there when the Curtain Road gas works were being erected. He wrote in 1813 to the colleague overseeing construction 'I beg to suggest whether you had not best ease from digging deeper – it is to be feared the springs rise through the bed of gravel you are now come to – the lower you go, the worse your foundation. It will be like a quick sand!'

Today the Walbrook flows in a sewer beneath the vaults of the Bank of England. Although nobody has managed to break into the stronghold that way, the river did play a part in 1999's protest 'Carnival against Capitalism', when protestors opened fire hydrants along its route, symbolically freeing the rivers of London which they stated had once been free for all to use for swimming, drinking and fishing, but were subsequently stolen first by pollution and then by development.

Reading groups at all of Hackney's libraries are taking part in Cityread and Ben Aaronovitch is set to visit Hackney Central Library to talk about 'Rivers of London' on 14 April. For more info, visit: www.cityread.london

MORE INFO

Hackney Archives looks after Council administrative records and archives dating back to 1700. It also keeps records for individuals and organisations with links to Hackney. Call: **020 8356 8925**; e-mail: **archives@hackney.gov.uk**; or visit: **www.hackney.gov.uk/archives**

have your say

A healthy eating programme from Shoreditch Trust

www.shoreditchtrust.org.uk



SHOREDITCH Trust's Food Programme works with members of the community to encourage affordable healthy eating, better cooking skills and food knowledge. These rolls were baked by members of the Banister House Cooking Club as part of the Council's Cook and Eat programme. To book a free place or find out more, visit: www.hackney.gov.uk/healthy-hackney; or call: 020 7033 8505.
Homemade wholemeal bread is an affordable way to get carbohydrates which are a great source of energy. The wholemeal flour is rich in fibre and B-vitamins and you can add seeds, spices, fruit or vegetables for a bit of variety.

Wholemeal bread rolls

Makes 12 rolls

Preparation time
20 mins plus 2 hours for 'proving'

Cooking time
20 mins

Ingredients

- 500ml warm (not hot) water
- 2 teaspoons active dry yeast (1 sachet)
- 1 tablespoon of honey
- 250g strong white flour, plus extra for kneading
- 250g strong wholemeal flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Olive oil.

Optional ingredients

- Walnuts, pumpkin or sunflower seeds, raisins or sultanas, nutmeg, cinnamon and allspice.

Method

- Put the warm water into a jug, stir in the yeast and honey. Let this stand for 5 minutes until the yeast has dissolved and a froth has started to form
- In a large bowl, add the flour and the salt, make a well and stir in 400ml of the yeast mix to combine the ingredients. Slowly add the last 100ml of yeast mix to bring the dough together into a ball
- Knead the dough for 10 minutes by hand against a firm work surface. If the dough is sticking to the work surface add extra flour, a tablespoon at a time, until it is no longer sticky. The dough is ready to prove when it is smooth, feels slightly tacky, forms a ball without sagging and springs back when poked
- Clean out the mixing bowl and film it with a little oil. Form the dough into a ball and turn it in the bowl until the whole surface is coated with oil. Cover the bowl with a clean tea towel and let the dough rise in a warm location until it has nearly doubled in volume. This should take an hour to an hour and a half: in baking, this is known as 'proving' or 'proofing'
- Sprinkle a little flour on the work surface and turn the dough out onto it. Add any extras ie fruit, nuts or seeds, then divide the dough into balls (small apple size) and transfer to a floured tray. Let the bread rise for a second time (30-45mins)
- Heat the oven to 220C then turn down to 170C when putting the rolls in. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes. The rolls should have a golden colour and sound hollow when tapped on the base.

More info

To find out more about Shoreditch Trust's healthy eating activities, call: 020 7033 8529; e-mail: info@shoreditchtrust.org.uk; or visit: www.shoreditchtrust.org.uk/health-and-wellbeing

Have your say on whether Hackney is a 'place for everyone'

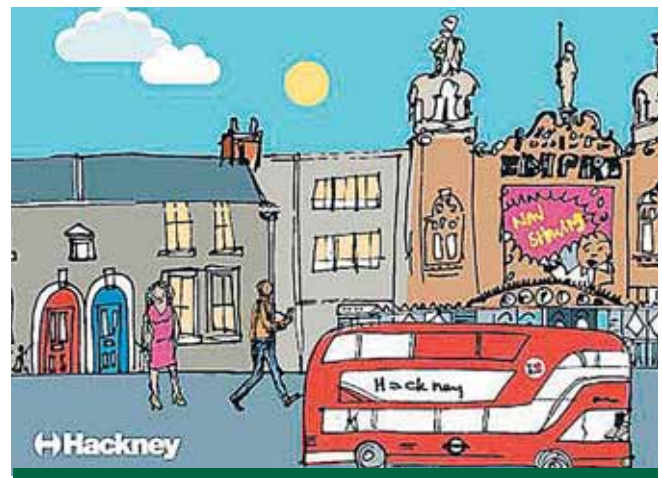
THERE has been a lot of change in Hackney in the past 10 to 15 years. Last month, a year-long public engagement programme called 'Hackney: A Place for Everyone?' was launched to hear residents views about the challenges facing the borough today.

Over the next 12 months, the Council aims to talk to thousands of people about their experience of the rapid social and economic changes that have affected the borough, and the impact it has had on their lives, whether it be positive or negative.

The Council's Chief Executive, Tim Shields, said: "So much has changed in Hackney in recent years. We want to give people the chance to share their thoughts and feelings about the change.

"Much of the change has been positive, but Hackney faces many challenges: an affordable housing crisis, a growing population, and financial pressures to local public service budgets."

Residents can have their say in a number of ways. These include face-to-face engagement programmes at Council-run events in the borough, online at: **hackney.dialogue-app.com,** where residents can post ideas which can be rated by other registered users; or an online questionnaire can be completed at: **consultation.hackney.gov.uk**



'Hackney: A Place for Everyone?' engagement programme

Meetings

COUNCIL MEETINGS IN APRIL

14	Licensing sub committee	7pm
16	Licensing sub committee	7pm
21	Licensing sub committee	2pm
28	Licensing sub committee	7pm

Info: 020 8356 3316/3302/3312; or visit: www.hackney.gov.uk/council-democracy.htm

TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS IN APRIL

13	Shepherds Market TRA	7pm
14	Clapton Neighbourhood Panel	7pm
14	Welshpool House TRA	7.30pm
16	Stoke Newington Neighbourhood Panel	7pm
20	Stamford Hill Neighbourhood Panel	7pm
20	Queensbridge & De Beauvoir (Central) Neighbourhood Panel	7.30pm
21	Homerton (MESH) Neighbourhood Panel	7pm
23	Hobbs Place Estate TRA	6.30pm
27	Alden and Broadway TRA	7pm

TO CHECK TIMES & VENUES, CALL THE RESIDENT PARTICIPATION TEAM ON: 020 8356 7845

Sudoku

For solutions see: www.hackney.gov.uk/hackneytoday

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ANDY CUNNINGHAM, HEAD OF STREETSCENE, 13 APRIL 2015

PROPOSED RESTRICTION (PROPOSED NOTICE)

REF NO.	ROAD NAME	RESTRICTION	REASON	LOCATION	DIVERSION ROUTE	WORK START DATE	WORK END DATE
P1744-7	Albion Square	Road Closure	Traffic Management Work	From its junction with Middleton Road in a southern direction for a distance of 20 metres	Via local signage	27-Apr-15	26-Oct-15
P1744-5	Celandine Drive	Road Closure	Traffic Management Work	From its junction with Middleton Road in a northern direction for a distance of 20 metres	Via local signage	27-Apr-15	26-Oct-15
P1743	Crondall Street N1	Footway Closure	Building Works	South side, From its junction with Pitfield Street in a easterly direction for a distance of 25 metres	Opposite side of Footway	04-May-15	31-Oct-16
P1738	Digby Road E9	Road Closure	Crane Operation	From its junction with Homerton High Street in a south easterly direction for a distance of 50 metres	Via local signage	03-May-15	03-May-15
P1739	Downs Road E5	Road Closure	Crane Operation	From its junction with Queensdown Road in a westerly direction for a distance of 50 metres	Via local signage	27-Apr-15	27-Apr-15
P1733	Eagle Wharf Road N1	Road Closure	Sewer Connection Works	From its junction with New North Road to its junction with Bracklyn Street	Via local signage	27-Apr-15	09-May-15
P1737	East Road N1	Bus Lane Suspension	Crane Operation	O/s Building No. 10 to 12	Not required	02-May-15	03-May-15
P1744-2	Haggerston Road	Road Closure	Traffic Management Work	From its junction with Middleton Road in a south easterly direction for a distance of 20 metres	Via local signage	27-Apr-15	26-Oct-15
P1715	Hillstowe Street E5	Road Closure	Thames Water Works	Northbound, From its junction with Lea Bridge Road in a south easterly direction for a distance of 20 metres	Via local signage	05-May-15	12-Jun-15
P1744-6	Holly Street	Road Closure	Traffic Management Work	From its junction with Middleton Road in a northern direction for a distance of 20 metres	Via local signage	27-Apr-15	26-Oct-15
P1744-9	Lansdowne Drive	Road Closure	Traffic Management Work	From a point in line with the property boundary no 91 in a south easterly direction for a distance of 20 metres	Via local signage	27-Apr-15	26-Oct-15
P1740	Mackintosh Lane E9	Footway Closure	Railway Bridge Examination Work	From its junction with Berger Road to its junction with Sedgwick Street	Via local signage	28-Apr-15	28-Apr-15
P1744-8	Kingsland Road	Left & Right turn banned	Traffic Management Work	At its junction with Middleton Road	Via local signage	27-Apr-15	26-Oct-15
P1744-3	Mayfield Road	Road Closure	Traffic Management Work	From its junction with Middleton Road in a south westerly direction for a distance of 20 metres	Via local signage	27-Apr-15	26-Oct-15
P1744-1	Middleton Road	Road Closure	Traffic Management Work	From its junction with Kingsland Road to its junction with Lansdowne Drive	Via local signage	27-Apr-15	26-Oct-15
P1744-4	Mulberry Road	Road Closure	Traffic Management Work	From its junction with Middleton Road in a northern direction for a distance of 20 metres	Via local signage	27-Apr-15	26-Oct-15
P1742	Paul Street EC2A	Road Closure	Crane Operation	From its junction with Willow Street to its junction with Blackall Street	Via local signage	02-May-15	03-May-15
CONFIRMED RESTRICTION (MADE NOTICE)							
P1731	Barbauld Road N16	Road Closure	Gas Works	From its junction with Neville Road to its junction with Oldfield Road	Via local signage	13-Apr-15	27-May-15
P1736	Brunswick Place N1	Road Closure	Thames Water Works	From its junction with Corsham Street to its junction with Bache's Street	Via local signage	20-Apr-15	24-Apr-15
P1732	Charlotte Road EC2A	Road Closure	Crane Operation	(1). From its junction with Rivington Street to its juction with Mills Court (2). From its junction with Rivington Street in a northly direction for a distance of 15 metres	Via local signage	18-Apr-15	19-Apr-15
P1729	King John Court EC2A	Introduction of One way Street	Thames Water Works	Southbound Direction, From its junction with New Inn Yard to its junction with Hollywell Lane	Via local signage	13-Apr-15	24-Apr-15
P1730	Retreat Place E9	Road Closure	Gas Works	From its junction with Morning Lane in a south westerly direction for a distance of 30 metres	Via local signage	13-Apr-15	11-May-15
P1683	Richmond Road E8	Road Closure	Traffic Calming Work	From its junction with Mare Street to its junction with Navarino Road	Via local signage	18-Apr-15	26-Apr-15
P1732-1	Rivington Street EC2A	Road Closure	Crane Operation	(1). From its junction with Charlotte Road in a easterly direction for a distance of 10 metres (2). From its junction with Charlotte Road in a westerly direction for a distance of 10 metres	Via local signage	18-Apr-15	19-Apr-15
P1735	Spurstowe Terrace E8	Road Closure	Thames Water Works	From its junction with Marcon Place in a north westerly direction for a distance of 35 metres	Via local signage	13-Apr-15	17-Apr-15
P1734	Victoria Park Road E9	Introduction of Loading & Unloading	Building Works	South east side, From a point in line with the property boundary no 146 & 148 to a point in line with the property boundary no 156 & 158	Not Required	13-Apr-15	12-Jul-15
P1728	Woodberry Grove N4	Footway Closure	Building Works	North east side, From its junction with Devan Grove in a south easterly direction for a distance of 100 metres	Via local signage	13-Apr-15	31-May-15

YOU CAN GET MORE INFORMATION AND MAKE COMMENTS ABOUT THIS PROPOSED AND MADE ORDERS BY CONTACTING THE HELPLINE ON 020 8356 2897

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E384-1	Homerton Road E9	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Eastway to its junction with Lee Conservancy Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-2	Homerton Road E9	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Lee Conservancy Road to its junction with Marsh Hill	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-3	Marsh Hill E9	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Homerton Road to its junction with Homerton High Street	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-4	Homerton High Street E9	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Marsh Hill to its junction with Urswick Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-5	Urswick Road E9	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Homerton High Street to its junction with Lower Clapton Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-6	Lower Clapton Road E5	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Homerton High Street to its junction with Down's Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-7	Down's Road E5	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Lower Clapton Road to its junction with Cricketfield Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-8	Cricketfield Road E5	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Down's Road to its junction with Down's Park Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-9	Queensdown Road E5	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Cricketfield Road to its junction with Down's Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-10	Down's Road E5	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Queensdown Road to its junction with Rectory Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-11	Rectory Road E5	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Downs Road to its junction with Amhurst Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-12	Amhurst Road N16	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Rectory Road to its junction with Down's Park Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-13	Down's Park Road E5	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Amhurst Road to its junction with Pembury Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-14	Pembury Road E5	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Down's Park Road to its junction with Dalston Lane	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-15	Dalston Lane E8	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Pembury Road to its junction with Urswick Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-16	Ponsford Street E9	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Homerton High Street to its junction with Morning Lane	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-17	Morning Lane E9	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Ponsford Street to its junction with Valette Street	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-18	Valette Street E8	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Morning Lane to its junction with Paragon Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-19	Paragon Road E8	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Valette Street to its junction with Mare Street	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-20	Mare Street E8	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Paragon Road to its junction with Graham Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-21	Graham Road E8	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Mare Street to its junction with Dalston Lane	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-22	Queensbridge Road E8	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Graham Road to its junction with Middleton Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-23	Middleton Road E8	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Queensbridge Road to its junction with Haggerston Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-24	Haggerston Road E8	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Middleton Road to its junction with Scriven Street	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-25	Scriven Street E2	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Haggerston Road to its junction with Queensbridge Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-26	Queensbridge Road E8	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Scriven Street to its junction with Whiston Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-27	Whiston Road E2	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Queensbridge Road to its junction with Pritchard's Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-28	Pritchard's Road E8	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Whiston Road to its junction with Broadway Market	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-29	Broadway Market E8	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Pritchard's Road to its junction with Westgate Street	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-30	Westgate Street E8	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Broadway Market to its junction with Mare Street	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-31	Mare Street E8	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Westgatre Street to its junction with Victoria Park Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-32	Victoria Park Road E9	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Mare Street to its junction with Wick Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-33	Cadogan Terrace E9	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Wick Road to its junction with Cadogan Close	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-34	Cadogan Terrace E9	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Cadogan Close to its junction with Wick Lane	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-35	Wick Lane E9	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Cadogan Terrace to its junction with Monier Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-36	Monier Road E9	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Wick Lane to its junction with Wansbeck Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-37	Wansbeck Road E9	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Monier Road to its junction with Rothbury Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15

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E384-38	Rothbury Road E9	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Wansbeck Road to its junction with White Post Lane	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-39	White Post Lane E9	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Rothbury Road to its junction with Carpenters Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-40	Waterden Road E9	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Copper Street to its junction with Clarnico Lane	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-41	Loop Road E9	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with London Way (Belvedere Way) to its junction with White Post Lane	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-42	Hepscott Road E9	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Rothbury Road to its junction with Wallis Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-43	Wallis Road E9	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Hepscott Road to its junction with Berkshire Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-44	Berkshire Road E9	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Wallis Road to its junction with Osborne Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-45	Osborne Road E9	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Berkshire Road to its junction with Eastway	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-46	Eastway E9	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Osborne Road to its junction with Lee Conservancy Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-47	Lee Conservancy Road E9	Road Closure	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Eastway to its junction with Homerton Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-48	Balls Pond Road E8	Introduction of either left or right turns	Hackney Half Marathon	Left and Right turn at its Junction with Kingsland High Street	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-49	Hackney Road E2	Introduction of either left or right turns	Hackney Half Marathon	Right turn at its Junction with Kingsland Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-50	Kingsmead Way E9	Introduction of Two way Traffic	Hackney Half Marathon	At its junction with Homerton Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-51	Wardle Street E9	Introduction of Two way Traffic	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Homerton Road to its junction with St Barnabas Terrace	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-52	Fenn Street E9	Introduction of Two way Traffic	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Homerton High Street to its junction with Homerton Row	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-53	Furrow Lane E9	Introduction of Two way Traffic	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Homerton High Street to its junction with Homerton Row	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-54	Median Road E5	Introduction of Two way Traffic	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Lower Clapton Road to its junction with Clarence Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-55	Powerscroft Road E5	Introduction of Two way Traffic	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Lower Clapton Road to its junction with Almack Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-56	Goulton Road E5	Introduction of Two way Traffic	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Lower Clapton Road to its junction with Clarence Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-57	Rowhill Road E5	Introduction of Two way Traffic	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Lower Clapton Road to its junction with Clarence Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-58	Amhurst Terrace E5	Introduction of Two way Traffic	Hackney Half Marathon	At its junction with Homerton Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-59	Paragon Road E8	Introduction of Two way Traffic	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Valette Street to its junction with Chatham Place	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-60	Wilton Way E8	Introduction of Two way Traffic	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Mare Street to its junction with Hillman Street	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-61	Hillman Street E8	Introduction of Two way Traffic	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Wilton Way to its junction with Reading Lane	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-62	Navarino Road E8	Introduction of Two way Traffic	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Graham Road to its junction with Richmond Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-63	Navarino Road E8	Introduction of Two way Traffic	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Graham Road to its junction with Dalston Lane	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-64	Greenwood Road E8	Introduction of Two way Traffic	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Graham Road to its junction with Dalston Lane	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-65	Greenwood Road E8	Introduction of Two way Traffic	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Graham Road to its junction with Richmond Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-66	Victoria Park Road E9	Introduction of Two way Traffic	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Mare Street to its junction with Wick Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-67	Banbury Road E9	Introduction of Two way Traffic	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Victoria Park Road to its junction with Southborough Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-68	Gascoyne Road E9	Introduction of Two way Traffic	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Harrowgate Road to its junction with Cassland Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-69	Brookfield Road E9	Introduction of Two way Traffic	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Victoria Park Road to its junction with Cassland Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-70	Eastway E9	Introduction of Two way Traffic	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Lee Conservancy Road to its junction with A12 Slip Road	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15
E384-71	Homerton Road E9	Introduction of Waiting Loading & Unloading Restriction	Hackney Half Marathon	From its junction with Lee Conservancy Road to its junction with Eastway (A106)	Via local signage	10-May-15	10-May-15

TRAFFIC

LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY

THE HACKNEY (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT NO *) ORDER 2015 TT1078

1. NOTICE is hereby given that the London Borough of Hackney propose to make a Traffic Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") and all other enabling powers.

2. The general effect of the Order will be to introduce a new permit and disabled badge holder only Off Street Car Park for use in association with the Alexandra National House.

3. Plans of the proposed measures can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until a period of 21 days from the date, on which this notice is published, in the reception area, London Borough of Hackney, Keltan House, 89-115 Mare Street, London, E8 4RU. Further information may be obtained by contacting Helpdesk on 020 8356 2897.

4. Any objections or other representations about the proposed Order should be sent in writing to the Assistant Director (Public Realm) at the address specified in paragraph 3 above until the expiration of a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.

LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY

THE HACKNEY (WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING RESTRICTIONS) (CONSOLIDATION) (NO.1) ORDER 2015

THE HACKNEY (PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) (NO.1) ORDER 2015 TT1081

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Hackney on 10th April 2015 did make the above-mentioned Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended

2. These orders will create new map based waiting and loading and parking places traffic orders to cover all roads where restrictions are currently marked and signed. They will also include those changes listed below and made as part of the Hackney (Waiting, Loading and Stopping) (Consolidation) (No.1) Order 2015 and the Hackney (Parking Places) (Consolidation) (No.1) Order 2015

3. The effective changes from these Orders will be to;

a) Change the single yellow line outside 46 Charlotte Road to a double yellow line no waiting at any time.

b) Change the motorcycle bay opposite 17-19 Mehetabel Road to a shared use bay 4 hour maximum stay.

c) Remove the permit bay outside 16-20 Dereham Place and replace with double yellow lines.

d) Introduce shared use bays 4 hour maximum stay and no waiting at any time restrictions on the newly developed Road off Woodberry Down.

e) Amend the restrictions on Woodberry Down in line with amended restrictions on street. Reducing the resident permit bay and extending the double yellow lines.

f) Amend the current traffic management order to represent restrictions in place on the following streets.

Chatsworth Road, Homerton Road, Queensbridge Road, King Edward's Road, Roding Road, Chelmer Road, Rushmore Road, Glyn Road, Powerscroft Road, Churchill Walk, Fenn Street, Wardle Street and Clarissa Street.

g) Clissold Crescent – extend the shared use bay opposite Taverner House by 1 metre north replacing a section of waiting and loading restrictions.

h) Introduce disabled bays: Outside No. 2A Trehurst Street, 55 Cazenove Road, 7 to 11 Dunn Street, 2 Stamford Grove East, 21 Marlborough Avenue, 10 Hillstowe Street, 8 and 144 Daubeney Road. Opposite 136 Lea Bridge Road. Reinstate Disabled Parking Bay outside No. 37 Sharon Gardens.

i) Convert 10 metres of the redundant bus stand bay on the north side of Calvert Avenue, closest to Shoreditch High Street, into two electric vehicle charging bays maximum stay 1 hour.

j) Convert 10 meters of shared use bays at the end bay (east side) of Reading Lane outside the Service Centre, to two electric vehicle charging bays maximum stay 1 hour.

4. In addition, amend existing traffic orders to bring estate parking restrictions in line with on street parking restrictions on the following estates:

Jack Dunning Estate	Trelawney Estate
Landfield Estate	Frampton Park Estate

**Changes to disabled bays are intended to bring disabled parking places within the same conditions of use as existing disabled parking in areas outside estates. Disabled bays are to remain at locations where there is an expressed requirement.

5. Copies of the Orders, which will come into force on 14th April 2015, other relevant Orders, and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Orders, can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive, until the expiration of a period of six weeks from the date on which the Orders are made, in the reception area, London Borough of Hackney Keltan House 89 -115 Mare Street London, E8 4RU. Further information may be obtained by contacting Helpdesk on 020 8356 2897.

6. If any person wishes to question the validity of either of the Orders, or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or that any requirement of the Act or of any instrument under the Act has not been complied with, that person may, within six weeks of the date on which the Orders are made, apply for the purpose to the High Court.

LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY

ROAD HUMPS - HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 90C

THE HACKNEY (WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING RESTRICTIONS) (MAP BASED) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO.*) ORDER 201* TT1079

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the London Borough of Hackney, in accordance with the Section 90C of the Highway Act 1980 as amended proposes to make road humps, as detailed in the schedule 1 of this notice.

2. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Hackney proposes to make the above-mentioned Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.

The general effect of the Order will be to;

a) Lansdowne Drive - Remove 5m double yellow line 30m north from its junction with Middleton road.

3. Plans of the proposed measures can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until a period of 21 days from the date, on which this notice is published, in the reception area, London Borough of Hackney, Keltan House, 89-115 Mare Street, London, E8 4RU. Further information may be obtained by contacting Helpdesk on 020 8356 2897.

4. Any objections or other representations about the Order should be sent in writing to the Assistant Director (Public Realm) at the address specified in paragraph 3 above until the expiration of a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.

SCHEDULE 1

Entry Treatment: SCHEDULE

Note: The carriageway will be raised to the footway level in Lansdowne Drive and Haggerston Road. The ramp gradients will be between 1:10 and 1:15 and the maximum height of the speed table will be 100mm

Lansdowne Drive	At a point 3.72m north from its junction with Middleton Road southwards for a distance of 27.33m
Middleton Road	From its junction with Lansdowne Drive westwards for a distance of 10.5m
Haggerston Road	From its junction with Middleton Road southwards for a distance of 12m.

LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT SECTION 23

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING (PITFIELD STREET) TT1082

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the London Borough of Hackney, in accordance with section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended, and all other enabling powers proposes to extend the zig zag markings for pedestrian crossing across Pitfield Street as detailed in the schedule 1 to this notice.

2. Plans of the proposed measures can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until a period of 21 days from the date, on which this notice is published, in the reception area, London Borough of Hackney, Keltan House, 89-115 Mare Street, London, E8 4RU. Further information may be obtained by contacting Helpdesk on 020 8356 2897.

3. Any objections or other representations about the proposals should be sent in writing to the Assistant Director (Public Realm) at the address specified in the above paragraph until the expiration of a period of 21 days from the date on which this notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made



SCHEDULE 1

Pitfield Street	Extend zig zag markings for pedestrian crossing outside No 73 to a point 11.5m north of the junction with Haberdasher Street.

Unless otherwise stated all traffic notices are as follows: Dated this 13th day of April 2015 Tom McCourt, Assistant Director (Public Realm) (The officer appointed for this purpose)



PLANNING

LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY NOTICE UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS AND RELATED ORDERS

EC1V

374-378 Old Street London EC1V 9LT Installation of new shop front including external lighting. Associated works comprising flue to rear of building, four condenser units to rear of building and fixed external seating to eastern side wall. 2015/0635 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

380 Old Street & 148-150 Curtain Road, London EC1V 9LT Creation of new opening at first floor level in order to amalgamate two existing B1 units at adjoining sites. 2015/0656 Listed Building

E1

162 - 175 Shoreditch High Street Hackney London E1 6HU Display of internally illuminated LED advert hoarding with dimensions 12.6m x 3m x 0.4m on north eastern part of Site fronting Shoreditch High Street. 2015/0941 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

E2

Geffrye Museum, 136 Kingsland Road London E2 8EA Display of non-illuminated internal and external way finding signage (replacement of existing way finding signage and display of new way finding signage). In association with Listed Building application 2015/0491. 2015/0487 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

E5

125 Northwold Road Hackney London E5 8RL Full planning permission sought for erection of a rear dormer, second floor roof extension and insertion of 2 front roof lights, conversion of existing 3-bedroom first floor flat into 2 x studio flats, creation of 1-bed flat in loft space. 2015/0590 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

53 Durlston Road Hackney London E5 8RP Erection of a roof terrace with 1.8m high screens to the rear at second floor level. 2015/0697 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

174 Clarence Road, London E5 8DY Erection of basement, ground, first and second floor level rear extensions to provide for a 1-bedroom flat at basement and ground floor levels to the rear of the existing commercial unit and the enlarging of the existing 2-bedroom unit at first and second floor levels (commercial unit to be retained) 2015/0796 Conservation Area Consent

50 Alconbury Road, London E5 8RH Demolition of existing single-storey rear/side extension; construction of enlarged single-storey rear side extension at lower ground floor level incorporating glazed and green roof elements and contemporary rear-facing glazed doors and windows; alterations to front light well including resizing, repositioning of stairs and erection of bay windows and front-facing door; establishment of front garden landscaping, refuse storage enclosure and additional front gate; installation of two conservation-style roof lights to front roof and one roof light to rear roof above outrigger; removal of rear-facing window at first floor level and replacement with modern, sloping window; replacement timber-framed sash windows on front and rear elevations at various levels and replacement front timber door. 2015/0855 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

E8

28 Middleton Road London E8 4BS Retention of an outbuilding within the rear garden of the existing dwelling 2015/0383 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

12 Broadway Market Hackney London E8 4QJ Erection of a single storey extension on the second floor level of the property 2015/0861 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

E9

172 Victoria Park Road London E9 7HD Erection of a dormer roof rear extension and installation of 2 roof lights to the front roof slope in order to facilitate the conversion of the upper floors of the property into 2 self-contained flats comprising 1x1 bed on the first floor and 1x2 bed on the second and attic floor levels. 2015/0005 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

29 Penshurst Road London E9 7DT Erection of a single-storey ground floor full-width rear extension 2015/0871 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

N1

10 Stamford Road London N1 4JS Erection of single storey rear extension at ground floor level. 2015/0804 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

6 Orsman Road Hackney London N1 5QJ Demolition of existing building 2015/0812 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

N16

94-96 Lordship Park Hackney London N16 5UA Conversion of two semi-detached single family dwelling houses to eight residential flats (four, two bedroom units, two, three bedroom units; and two, four bedroom units) in association with the erection of part two storey, part single storey rear and side extensions incorporating four roof lights to inner roof slopes at second floor level and four glazed openings and use of green roofs at single storey level; erection of two rear dormer roof extensions, two front dormer roof extensions and installation of two roof lights to rear roof slope; installation of three roof lights, relocation of window and installation of newly created window to each side elevation; reconfiguration of existing parking arrangements including alterations to integral vehicle garage to provide four spaces on the frontage and six cycle parking spaces; installation of refuse/recycling storage enclosure to front garden; replacement windows and doors; and associated external alterations. [Amendment to approved scheme 2014/2323 with addition of two front dormers] 2015/0128 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

Basement floor 162-164 Stoke Newington High Street London N16 7JL Change of use of basement from storage (use class B8) to restaurant (use class A3), opening hours 0700 to 2200 Mon-Sat and 0900 to 2100 Sun and Bank Holidays, erection of rear external extract flue and retention of window in east elevation. 2015/0253 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

22 Kyverdale Road London N16 7AH Erection of a single storey side/rear infill extension at ground floor level. 2015/0288 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

Land at the Rear of 92 Brooke Road Hackney London N16 7RS Retention of existing external fencing alongside rear gardens of 90 and 92 Benthal Road, demolition of existing Unauthorised outbuilding with associated shiplap boarding covering and erection of replacement outbuilding with associated shiplap boarding covering for uses ancillary to the enjoyment of the occupants of no. 40 Benthal Road. 2015/0466 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

40 Tariro House Newington Green Hackney London N16 9PR Change of use of former bank building and rear annex from residential care home (Use Class C2) to provide 9 x residential units (2 x 1-bed, 5 x 2-bed and 2 x 3-bed) (Use Class C3) involving the demolition of the rear annex and replacement with extension to provide a three-storey extension with basement; external alterations. 2015/0651 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

81a Benthal Road London N16 7AP Full planning permission sought for demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of single storey side to rear infill extension and replacement of existing ground floor front bay windows with double glazed timber framed units to ground floor flat. 2015/0676 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

59 Osbaldeston Road London N16 7DL Erection of side and rear dormer roof extensions; insertion of two roof lights in front roof slope [Retrospective Application]. 2015/0687 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

69 Osbaldeston Road London N16 7DL Erection of dormer extensions to the side and rear roof slopes and insertion of one roof light to the front roof slope and two roof lights to the roof slopes of the side dormer to provide for an additional bedroom at second floor level. 2015/0908 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

London Borough of Hackney Notice under the Town and Country Planning Acts and Related Orders The Applications can be inspected between 9am and 5pm at 1 Hillman Street London, E8 1DY. They can also be viewed on the following website: www.hackney.gov.uk/planning. Representations should be made in writing within 21 days to the Development Control Manager, 2 Hillman Street, London, E8 1 FB. All representations will be acknowledged in writing. John Allen Assistant Director Planning , 13 April 2015



LICENSING

Notice is given that **Christopher Hayden** applied to HACKNEY COUNCIL for a premises licence at: Lion Coffee + Records, 118 Lower Clapton Road, London W5 0QR

In order that the following licensable activities can take place: The sale of alcohol Monday to Sunday from 12:00 to 21:00

The licence register listing details of the application is held at the Licensing Service, Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman Street, London E8 1DY (Tel No. 020 8356 4970). Details are also available on-line at www.hackney.gov.uk/licensing

Any representations against this application must be made in writing and received by the Licensing Service at the above address, by no later than the 30 April 2015

Residents and businesses in the vicinity of the premises, or their representatives, may make representations on licensing objectives grounds only, i.e. the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the protection of children from harm. Copies of all representations will be sent to the applicant. It is an offence, liable on conviction to a fine up to £5000 for an applicant to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with the application.

Notice is given that **Ms D Chandler & Ms B Chandler** have applied to the Council of the London Borough of Hackney for Renewal of the SEV licence for the premises at "Browns", 1 Hackney Road, E2 7NX on the following date: 30th March 2015.

Anyone wishing to oppose the application must give notice in writing to the Licensing Service, Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman Street, London E8 1DY within TWENTY EIGHT DAYS from the date the application was made, the last date being Monday 27th April 2015, specifying the grounds or reasons of any objection.

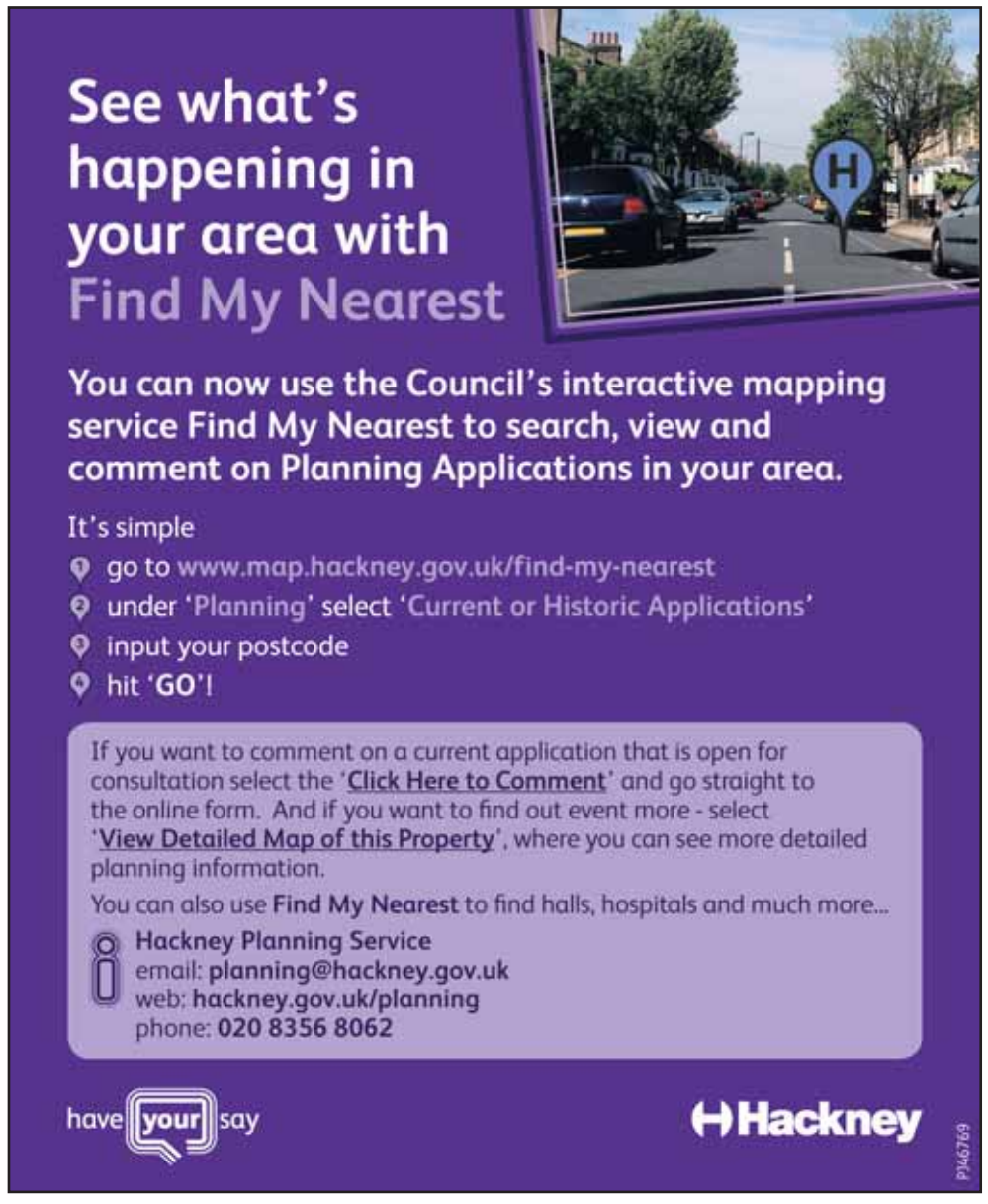
Persons objecting to the grant of a licence will be invited to attend a hearing before the Council's Licensing Sub-committee, to support their case. Where objections are received, applicants will be advised of the general terms of the objection, in order that they have the opportunity to address the issues raised. The Council will not disclose an objector's details, without the consent of that person.

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